



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Board of Directors
December 17, 2019
5:30 P.M.**

Family YMCA of the Desert
Gymnasium
43-930 San Pablo
Palm Desert, CA 92260

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<i>Page(s)</i>	AGENDA	<i>Item Type</i>
	<i>Any item on the agenda may result in Board Action</i>	
	A. CALL TO ORDER – President Zendle, MD Roll Call ____ Director Shorr ____ Director Borja ____ Director PerezGil ____ Director Rogers, RN ____ Director Matthews ____ Vice-President/Secretary De Lara ____ President Zendle	
	B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	
1-3	C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Action
	D. PUBLIC COMMENT At this time, comments from the audience may be made on items <i>not</i> listed on the agenda that are of public interest and within the subject-matter jurisdiction of the District. The Board has a policy of limiting speakers to no more than three minutes. The Board cannot take action on items not listed on the agenda. Public input may be offered on agenda items when they come up for discussion and/or action.	
	E. CONSENT AGENDA All Consent Agenda item(s) listed below are considered routine by Board of Directors and will be enacted by one motion. <u>There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Board member so requests, in which event the item(s) will be considered following approval of the Consent Agenda.</u>	Action
4-5	1. BOARD MINUTES a. Board of Directors Meeting Closed Meeting – November 26, 2019	
6-15	b. Board of Directors Meeting – November 26, 2019	
16	F. ANNUAL ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS – Jeffrey Scott, General Counsel	Action



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| G. | DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT CEO REPORT
– Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD | |
| | 1. Workshop on Board and Staff Communications and Policies – January 23, 2019 | Information |
| H. | DESERT REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER CEO REPORT
– Michele Finney, CEO | Information |
| I. | DESERT REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ REPORT –
President Les Zendle, MD and Director Carole Rogers, RN | Information |
| J. | 1. FINANCE, LEGAL, ADMINISTRATION AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE – Chair/Treasurer Mark Matthews, Vice-President Leticia De Lara, and Director Arthur Shorr | |
| | 1. Canceled – December 10, 2019 Meeting | Information |
| | 2. PROGRAM COMMITTEE – Chair/Director Carole Rogers, RN; Vice-President De Lara and Director Evett PerezGil | |
| | 1. Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2019 | Information |
| | 2. Progress and Final Reports | Information |
| | 3. HOSPITAL LEASE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – Chair/President Zendle, MD; Carole Rogers, RN; and Director Karen Borja | |
| | 1. Next Scheduled Meeting – December 19, 2019 | Information |
| K. | OLD BUSINESS | |

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L. NEW BUSINESS

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| 31-35 | 1. Consideration to approve a budget to produce and publish the District and Foundation History Book – NTE \$45,000 | Action |
| | a. Consideration to approve a service agreement with Jeff Crider to produce and publish the District and Foundation History Book – NTE \$24,000 | Action |
| 36-179 | 2. Consideration to approve a grant agreement between the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation and Coachella Valley Association Governments for CV Link | Action |

M. LEGAL COMMENTS & REPORT

N. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS, REPORTS, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, & STAFF DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE

O. ADJOURNMENT

If you have any disability which would require accommodation to enable you to participate in this meeting, please email Andrea S. Hayles, Special Assistant to the CEO and Board Relations Officer, at ahayles@dhcd.org or call (760) 323-6110 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.



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Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President Les Zendle, MD Vice-President/Secretary Leticia De Lara Treasurer Mark Matthews Director Evett PerezGil Director Karen Borja Director Arthur Shorr - <i>Telephonic</i>	Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	Director Carole Rogers

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order	President Zendle called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.	
Roll Call	The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors present.	
B. Approval of Agenda	President Zendle asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	
C. Public Comment	No public comment.	
D. Convene to Closed Session of the Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors 1. Pursuant to Government Code Section Report Involving Trade Secrets – pursuant to Health & Safety Code 32106 – concerning proposed facilities, programs, and services. (Discussion only, no action will be taken). Estimated date of disclosure – March 2020. 2. Public Employee Evaluation pursuant to Government Code 54957 Title: Chief Executive Officer		
E. Reconvene to Open Session of the Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors		

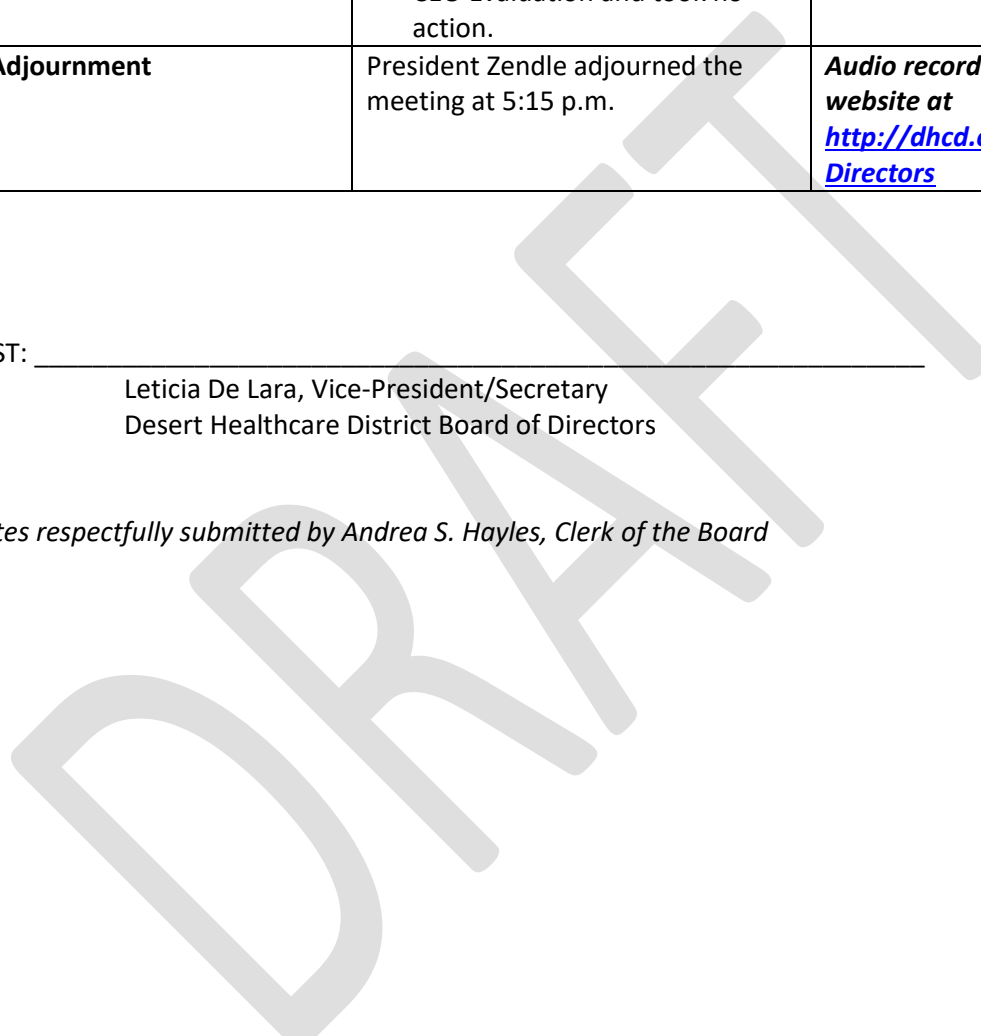


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F. Report After Closed Session	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Board in closed session discussed proposed facilities, programs, and services and took no action. 2. The Board also discussed the CEO Evaluation and took no action. 	
Q. Adjournment	President Zendle adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agenda-Board-of-Directors

ATTEST: _____
 Leticia De Lara, Vice-President/Secretary
 Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board





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AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order Roll Call	President Zendle called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors present except Director Rogers.	
B. Pledge of Allegiance	Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, led the pledge of allegiance.	
C. Approval of Agenda	Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, explained an amendment to the subsequent posting of the agenda involving a new lease agreement at the Las Palmas Medical Plaza for Suite 1W 104 with a move-in date of December 1, 2019 – referencing the matter as Item J.1. Director Mathews moved for approval of the agenda with the addition of the Las Palmas lease agreement with all Directors in favor of the amended agenda and the inclusion of the Las Palmas Medical Plaza lease agreement – Suite 1W 104.	#20-34 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Vice-President De Lara to approve the agenda with the inclusion of the Las Palmas Medical Plaza lease agreement – Suite 1W 104. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Rogers



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	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, provided a report after the closed session explaining that the Board discussed programs, facilities, and services and took no action. The Board also discussed CEO evaluation matters.</p>	
<p>D. Public Comment</p>	<p>Linda Evans, Chief Strategy Officer, Desert Care Network, on behalf of Gary Honts, Executive Director, JFK Hospital, described the most recent accomplishments at JFK Hospital. Mrs. Evans public comment is attached to the minutes.</p>	
<p>E. Consent Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Board of Directors Meeting – October 22, 2019 2. Finance and Administration <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of October 2019 Financial Statements– F&A Approved November 12, 2019 b. Las Palmas Medical Plaza – Suite 2W 107 – Corey King, N.D. & William Grimm, Jr., D.O. 	<p>President Zendle described the consent agenda items and asked for a motion of approval.</p>	<p>#20-35 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Borja and seconded by Director Matthews to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Rogers</p>
<p>G. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eastern Coachella Valley Airborne Environmental Hazards – Congressman Raul Ruiz 	<p>Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO, explained the public comments at the November meeting from the Thermal community expressing their concerns with environmental health and airborne hazards. Staff gathered emergency resources for a clinic in Thermal and provided</p>	

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<p>2. Consideration to approve the Community Health Needs Assessment External Reviewers Stipends up to \$1,500 per person (\$4,500)</p>	<p>respirators thanks to a donation from Desert Regional Medical Center. Dr. Bázquez explained that it is important for the District to remain involved, and introduced Peter Carlson, Field Representative, Congressman Raul Ruiz, who read the Congressman’s letter supporting the District’s role to assist with Eastern Coachella Valley Airborne Hazards.</p> <p>Rubin Perez, Field Representative, Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, explained the Assemblymember’s support of the District to help reduce environmental airborne hazards.</p> <p>Director Matthews suggested meeting with the Coachella Valley representatives of the South Coast Air Quality Management District that can assist with resources such as data and figures.</p> <p>Dr. Bázquez, CEO, explained that the RFP for the Community Health Needs Assessment has been distributed, and a bidder’s conference was held in November with the attendance of 20 participants from 11 organizations. Staff suggests and requests the Board’s consideration to approve hiring two to three external reviewers to assist with the evaluation of the proposals with the knowledge and expertise of someone in public health and experience with the design of health improvement plans. Staff is</p>	<p>#20-36 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Borja and seconded by Vice-President De Lara to approve the Community Health Needs Assessment External Reviewers Stipends up to \$1,500 per person. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Rogers</p>
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<p>3. Board Workshop with Martin Rauch, President, Rauch Communications – January 2020</p> <p>4. Consideration to approve a Board and Staff Holiday Dinner – NTE \$1,800</p>	<p>also proposing stipends of \$1,500 per person.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained that in the past, Rauch Communications has guided the facilitation of a workshop on communications and policies. The workshop also aligns with staff’s work on the process with the Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD) certification, which also incorporates policies.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the details of a Board and Staff Holiday Dinner not to exceed \$1,800.</p>	<p>#20-37 MOTION WAS MADE by Director PerezGil and seconded by Director Matthews to approve a Board and Staff Holiday Dinner NTE \$1,800.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>AYES – 6 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 1 Director Rogers</p>
<p>H. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report</p>	<p>Michele Finney, CEO, Desert Care Network, Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC), explained the 3-1/2 years contract with the California Nurses Association. The Leapfrog scores were released with a C safety grade for DRMC falling short of a B by less than 1 point. More details of the safety grade will be provided in December at the District’s Hospital Lease Oversight Committee meeting. The physical plant upgrades include a facility wide nurse upgrade, pharmacy, isolation rooms in the Sinatra Tower, ER upgrades will be</p>	



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	<p>complete in the next quarter, and the planning process has begun for renovating the elevators. DRMC hosted 9 events and participated in walks and fundraisers such as the Heart Walk with the greatest donations from DRMC employees.</p>	
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Ezra Kaufman, District resident, explained that he did not receive a sufficient answer when he previously inquired about the ancillary services that represent more than 10% of the hospitals economic activity, more than 10% of its employees, more than 10% of the nurses, and it is not represented in this way by any other facility in the state, including other Tenet facilities.</p>	
<p>I. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board of Directors Report</p>	<p>President Zendle explained that every year there is a rotation of the governing board, and the board elected Agua Caliente Band of Indians Tribal Council Chairman, Jeff Grubbe who will be joining the board in January. The board will vote next month on another incoming member. The closed and open cases with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) were detailed; an employee celebrated 45 years of employment, and there has been a significant decrease in employee turnover. The recent residency graduating class had significant retention. The upcoming Hospital Lease Oversight Committee meeting will discuss the Leapfrog Safety Grade results, and the recent</p>	



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	peer review of physicians was completed.	
<p>J. 1. Finance, Legal, Administration, and Real Estate Committee</p> <p>1. Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2019</p> <p>2. Consideration to approve Political Consultant Strategies 360 Service Agreement for Potential Hospital Lease/Transaction – NTE \$69k</p>	<p>Director Matthews explained the meeting minutes of the November meeting.</p> <p>Director Matthews described the reasoning for the political consultant based on the potential hospital lease/transaction and moved for approval.</p> <p>Director Borja inquired on the selection of the consultant from the three proposals presented at the October meeting, expressing her support of Clifford Moss based on its past strategy and planning. Director Borja also described concerns with the timing of commencing with a retainer.</p> <p>Director Matthews explained that given that it is the end of the year, he supports tabling the item for a month.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained that staff reviewed the proposals, met with the various consultants, and determined that Strategies 360 is the best choice for the District. No services would move forward until the Board is ready to proceed.</p> <p>Vice-President De Lara also requested tabling the item for one month until the Board has more time to review Director Borja’s comments.</p>	<p>#20-38 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President De Lara and seconded by Director Borja to table the Political Consultant Strategies 360 Service Agreement for Potential Hospital Lease/Transaction – NTE \$69k Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Rogers</p>

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<p>2. Program Committee</p> <p>1. Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2019</p> <p>2. Progress and Final Reports</p> <p>3. Letters of Interest and Pending Application</p> <p>4. Consideration to approve Grant #1021 Neuro Vitality Center – Community Based Adult Services (CBAS) – \$143,787</p>	<p>Director Mathews explained the addition to the agenda of the lease agreement at Las Palmas Medical Plaza for Suite 1W 104 with the tenant moving in on December 1 and total rent of \$100k for the life of the lease.</p> <p>In the absence of Director Rogers, President Zendle explained that the minutes of the November meeting, the progress and final reports, and letters of interest and pending applications are in the packet for review.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, provided an overview of the grant proposal request for the Neuro Vitality Center for the Community Based Adult Services (CBAS) – \$143,787.</p> <p>Bev Greer, Executive Director, Neuro Vitality Center, described the work of the center and explained the Community Based Adult Services (CBAS) program grant request.</p>	<p>#20-39 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Vice-President De Lara to approve the Las Palmas Lease Agreement for Suite 1W 104. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Rogers</p> <p>#20-40 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Vice-President De Lara to approve Grant #1021 Neuro Vitality Center – Community Based Adult Services (CBAS) - \$143,787. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Rogers</p>
<p>K. Old Business</p> <p>1. Consideration to approve Resolution No. 19-09 – Resolution of the Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors to approve the October 22, 2019, Board-approved Cholla 2 Map</p>	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, explained that the Board selected the Cholla 2 map at the October meeting, and Resolution 19-09 formalizes the map approval.</p>	<p>#20-41 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Shorr to approve Resolution No. 19-09 – Resolution of the Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors to approve the October 22, 2019, Board-approved Cholla 2 Map Motion passed unanimously.</p>



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<p>2. Consideration to approve the Cal Fresh Healthy Living Program Agreement #20-004 - \$330k</p> <p>3. CV Link Q3 Progress Report</p>	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the Cal Fresh Healthy Living Program linked directly with FIND Food Bank.</p> <p>President Zendle explained that the Q3 CV Link Progress Report is included in the packet for review.</p>	<p>AYES – 6 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Rogers</p> <p>#20-42 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr and seconded by Vice-President De Lara to approve Cal Fresh Healthy Living Program Agreement #20-004 - \$330k Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President Zendle, Vice-President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Rogers</p>
<p>L. New Business</p>	<p>There was no new business.</p>	
<p>M. Legal Comments & Reports</p>	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, explained his report on the 2019 Legislative bills of interest as they relate to health care.</p>	
<p>N. Directors’ Comments, Reports, Informational Items, & Staff Direction and Guidance</p>	<p>Director Borja provided an overview of the tour of the Ronald McDonald House adjacent to the Loma Linda Children’s Hospital in Loma Linda, also describing that 20% of the residents are from the Coachella Valley.</p>	
<p>O. Adjournment</p>	<p>President Zendle adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.</p>	<p>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>



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Leticia De Lara, Vice-President/Secretary
Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

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Desert Healthcare District – Board Meeting 11-26-19 – Public Comment

“Good evening. My name is Linda Evans, Chief Strategy Officer of Community Advocacy for the Desert Care Network, which is comprised of DRMC, JFK, HDMC, surgery centers, urgent care centers, ambulatory care centers and multiple primary care and specialty physician offices throughout Coachella Valley and the Morongo Basin.

On behalf of Gary Honts, CEO of JFK Memorial Hospital – part of the Desert Care Network, I wanted to share a few accomplishments that JFK achieved this past year.

- JFK became a Center of Excellence in Minimally Invasive GYN (COEMIG) by the Surgical Review Corporation.
- It also elevated services in cardiology by receiving its renewal approval as a Designated STEMI Receiving Center from Riverside County EMS, received approval for its renewal as an Accredited Chest Pain Center with PCI from the Society of Chest Pain Centers, and received Elective PCI (Percutaneous Cardiac Intervention) Certification from the California Department of Public Health. This is all in addition to its continued achievement as a Gold Plus Award recipient in Heart Failure under the AHA Get With the Guidelines program.
- In January of this year, JFK received Advanced Certification for Primary Stroke Center from The Joint Commission, and on November 14th was designated a Primary Stroke Center by Riverside County EMS – the 12th hospital in Riverside County to receive this designation.

It’s important to recognize that within your expanded district boundaries, JFK Memorial Hospital is able to provide life-saving treatment options for the residents in the East Coachella Valley. These achievements, in addition to recruiting additional primary care and specialty physicians to our service area, only strengthens the access to health the District promotes for all of whom they represent.

Thank you.”

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Of Counsel
JAMES R. DODSON

December 12, 2019

Date: December 17, 2019

To: Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

From: Jeff Scott, General Counsel

Re: Election of Officers procedure

Article V. Section 5.2 of the District Bylaws provides that at the first regular Board meeting in December, the Board shall organize by the election, of one of its members as President, one as Vice-President/Secretary and one as Treasurer. The follow outlines the process to elect officers:

- Counsel Scott will announce that nominations are open for the office of President. As more than one person may be nominated, nominations remain open until all are made. Pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order, no second is required for nomination of officers.
- Mr. Scott will close the nominations after all the nominations are made.
- If only one individual has been nominated, Mr. Scott will call for a vote.
- If more than one person is nominated, Mr. Scott will pass out paper ballots with each of the directors' names on the ballot. Each Board member will have an opportunity to write their selection. In keeping with transparency, the completed ballots will be handed back to Counsel Scott whereupon the voted selection of each board member will be read aloud.
- When one of the board members received four votes Mr. Scott will ask for a motion and second for the opportunity of unanimous consent.
- The same procedure will follow for election of the Vice-President/Secretary and for Treasurer.



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Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
Chair, Carole Rogers, RN Vice-President Leticia De Lara Director Evett PerezGil Allen Howe, Community Member Nicolas Behrman, Community Member Luciano Creso, Community Member Thomas Smith, Community Member Christine Anderson, Alternate	Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, Chief Executive Officer Chris Christensen, Chief Administration Officer Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director Meghan Kane, Programs and Research Analyst Vanessa Smith, Special Projects and Programs Manager Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board	Thomas Thetford, Community Member

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Chair Rogers	
II. Approval of Agenda	Chair Rogers asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	Moved and seconded by Director PerezGil and Community Member Howe to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
III. Meeting Minutes 1. November 12, 2019	Chair Rogers asked for a motion to approve the November 12, 2019 minutes.	Moved and seconded by Director PerezGil and Chair Rogers to approve the November 12, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion passed. Abstain – Allen Howe
IV. Public Comment	No public comment	
V. Old Business 1. Progress and Final Reports Update 2. Community Health Needs Assessment Update	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained that the progress and final reports are in the packet, and answered a variety of questions from the chair and committee.</p> <p>Meghan Kane, Programs and Research Analyst, explained that the Request for Proposals has ended on December 5, and the District received eight proposals. The proposals are under review</p>	



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	and will be presented to the Board at the January meeting.	
<p>VI. New Business</p> <p>1. Grant Proposals</p> <p>a. Letters of Interest and Pending Applications</p>	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained the pending letters of interest and applications and answered questions from the committee. Director Rogers inquired on several letters of interest and pending applications, including Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital LOI regarding the need for 18,000 annual visits, and if they have submitted a plan of action. Ms. Craig explained that the grants team met with the staff at the hospital and outlined the current services. The next step is to open an urgent care facility, but they lack pediatricians. Chair Rogers recommended that staff continue to meet with Loma Linda to find solutions and that staff also continue efforts to facilitate collaborations with local pediatric providers.</p> <p>Ms. Craig also explained and clarified that the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) will be presenting a contact for approval of CV Link to the District Board of Directors.</p>	

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<p>b. Consideration to approve Grant #1043 Riverside Community Housing Corporation: Oasis Mobile Home Park Drinking Water Initiative - \$15,844</p>	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, described the stopgap measure with a match from Riverside County to provide a mobile water station in the short-term for the residents of the Oasis Mobile Home Park to access clean water.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga explained that the District was not contacted by the Riverside Community Housing Corporation concerning the water distribution described in the media, the District has supported the community, and it is troublesome given the District’s outreach efforts.</p> <p>Carrie Harmon, Riverside Community Housing Corporation, explained that matters are fast-moving, the residents did not have access to water, and that many advocacy groups began to work with local politicians to obtain involvement. A staffer from the Supervisor’s office noted the Coachella Valley Water District’s board meeting agenda item; thus, they were caught off guard. However, in the future, the county will contact the District.</p> <p>Chair Rogers inquired on the next steps after March 2020 when the grant ends. Ms. Harmon explained that the filtration devices in the home would be complete by March. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has also</p>	<p>Moved and seconded by Vice-President De Lara and Community Member Behrman to approve #1043 Riverside Community Housing Corporation: Oasis Mobile Home Park Drinking Water Initiative - \$15,844 and forward to the Board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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<p>2. Behavioral Health Initiative</p> <p>a. Behavioral Health Workplan</p>	<p>anticipated compliance with the filtration system by March 2020.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga commenced with explaining that the committee was not presented with a Foundation agenda as an oversight, but the Behavioral Health items are being presented on the District agenda. Dr. Bárzaga provided the background of the Behavioral Health Initiative explaining that after the Green Ribbon Committee, staff was instructed to incorporate the committee’s outcomes, and to address the Behavioral Health needs of the Coachella Valley. A work plan has been developed that includes additional staff to fulfill the work.</p> <p>Community Member Behrman suggested including synagogues and other spiritual entities to recommendation #2.</p> <p>Community Member Smith inquired on the timeline for the accomplishments, whether it is a permanent or a temporary framework. Dr. Bárzaga explained that it is a priority of the District and will be enduring with a collective impact approach.</p> <p>Chair Rogers explained that the Clerk of the Board will be forwarding an article titled <i>Californians aren’t getting the mental health care they’re</i></p>	
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<p>3. Homelessness Initiative</p>	<p><i>legally guaranteed. Why not?</i> and a parity law for the fight for legislation in California as a participant.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained that the District is continuing to work with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG). A new contract was approved with Path of Life Ministries, and other resources for Coachella Valley Housing First.</p> <p>Chair Rogers explained that the contract with Path of Life Ministries is over \$1.2M and she will forward the report from the CVAG Homelessness Committee and the determination of the contract award.</p>	
<p>VII. Committee Member Comments</p>		
<p>V. Adjournment</p>	<p>Chair Rogers adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.</p>	<p>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>

ATTEST: _____
Carole Rogers, RN, Chair/Director
Program Committee

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board

Update for DECEMBER 2019

Progress Reports			
Applicant	Staff Notes	Status	
FIND Food Bank #979: Healthy Food First/Pathways Out of Hunger pilot	Grant term 1/1/19 – 12/31/19 Original Approved Amount: \$396,345 3 rd progress report covering the time period from 7/1/19 – 9/30/19 The grant is on track.	Progress Outcomes: During the third quarter of the grant period, the following milestones were achieved: * FIND distributed 1,639,321 pounds of fresh produce across its service area, for a total of 4,137,560 pounds distributed year to date (83% of the 5-million-pound goal). Within the District, for Q1 - Q3, FIND distributed 1,961,345 pounds of produce, which is 78% of the stated 2.5-million-pound goal. FIND Food Bank is on track to meet or exceed our goals of 5 million pounds of fresh produce and 2.5 million pounds within the District. * Two (2) new Mobile Pantries were launched: Agua Caliente Elementary School, Cathedral City, on 3/29/19 and Painted Hills Middle School, Desert Hot Springs, on 4/8/19. * Two (2) new Community Health Workers (CHWs) were hired and trained. However, one CHW was promoted within FIND and Loma Linda University Healthcare gave FIND the option of extending the one CHW's funding from 18 months to 36 months (rather than rehiring), for sustainability, which has occurred. * The healthcare needs and financial literacy survey development, in partnership with Loma Linda University, has been completed. * Client-needs assessment survey has	District

		<p>been conducted at both pilot sites.</p> <p>* Community needs data has been analyzed by Loma Linda University Health and FIND Food Bank focusing on financial literacy, nutrition education, etc. Analysis reveals that 20-30% of those surveyed lack a basic understanding of the basics of checking accounts, check cashing, credit card interest, and other finance fundamentals.</p> <p>* Community partners have been identified and cultivated. Bank of America, in partnership with Khan Academy, has a course called "Better Money Habits" with basic information on "How Banks Work", "How Credit Cards Work" and "Managing Bank Accounts". The course also offers easy to understand lessons on Saving & Budgeting, Taxes & Income, Buying a Car, etc. FIND Food Bank is currently reaching out to our contacts at Bank of America. In response to the community need for dental care, FIND Food Bank has cultivated a new partnership with SAGE Initiative, a non-profit organization that provides free dental care to low income individuals, veterans, and undocumented immigrants. SAGE refers clients who are food-insecure to FIND Food Bank and FIND refers clients needing dental care to SAGE.</p>	
<p>HARC: Health Assessment & Research for Communities #974: 2019 Coachella Valley Community Health Survey</p>	<p>Grant term 11/1/18 -10/31/20 Original Approved Amount: \$399,979 2nd progress report covering the time period from 5/1/19 – 10/31/19 The grant is not on track.</p>	<p>Progress Outcomes: The following activities were identified as on-going throughout the project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contributions sought annually from regular contributors 2. Grants applied for regularly; 24 proposals per fiscal year submitted 	<p>District</p>

	<p>On track issues: It has proven far more difficult than in prior years to get people to answer the phone and take the survey. In the last cycle, data collection was complete by this time of year. Currently, we are 90% complete (our target is, as always, 500 child completes and 2,000 adult completes). The child survey is always more difficult to complete than the adults, and this remains true this cycle: we are approximately 95% finished with adult data collection, but only 67% finished with child data collection.</p> <p>On Track Course Corrections: We adapted by extending the survey data collection effort by about four months; we had originally hoped to be done collecting data by July/August, while we currently plan to stop collecting data just prior to Christmas.</p> <p>This meant we needed to allocate more money towards incentives; we had initially budgeted \$3,300 for 30 weeks, but data collection is anticipated to continue for 46 weeks total, and thus, we will go over on this line item by about \$1,760 for a total spend of about \$5,060.</p> <p>We also extended our advertising (all campaigns were ending in June; select ones were extended to September), and are spending more staff time</p>	<p>3. HARC is responsive to public inquiries about the data via email, phone calls, etc., and helps data users to gather the data they need and to understand it</p> <p>HARC has continued to do all of those activities as well as most of the month-to-month activities.</p> <p>In total, HARC has now secured \$739,179 of the \$767,701 needed for the project (96.3% of the total cost for the three-year project). This means that HARC needs to raise approximately \$28,522 more in the next year.</p> <p>RESPONSIVE TO DATA USERS HARC staff continue to help data users with the 2016 data, including running analyses that would otherwise not be available.</p> <p>RAISING AWARENESS HARC worked hard to raise awareness that the survey data collection was happening, it was legitimate, local, and truly helpful. This included attending events to convey this message.</p> <p>DATA COLLECTION HARC had planned that data collection would be complete by the end of July; this proved to be much too optimistic. Data collection is taking significantly longer this cycle than the last cycle. Instead, data collection is ongoing and will likely continue up until Christmas in order to get our target sample size. Thus, several of</p>	
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	<p>towards getting the word out.</p> <p>We were able to negotiate an accelerated data weighting process with Kent State, as well as an accelerated printing process with Ace Printing. Thus, with a lot of staff overtime during the months of January, February, and March, we'll be able to release the data to the public on March 31st. This is only two months later than planned, thanks to a lot of staff hustle and our vendors working with our timeline.</p> <p>Specifically, Kent State has promised that if we close data collection on Friday, December 20th, and we provide them with the weights that same day, they will have the cleaned, weighted dataset to us by January 17th (including one week of back-and-forth testing to ensure the weights are correct). This will allow us to use the most recent data for weighting, as the Census ACS release of the 2018 5-year estimates are released on December 20th.</p> <p>Our editors (Board Members) have agreed to review the report during a very specific three-day span (cyclical, so one editor will review, then we'll revise, then another will review, and we'll revise again).</p> <p>Ace Printing has agreed that if we provide the final draft of the report to</p>	<p>the activities that were planned for these months (e.g., data weighting, data analyses) cannot occur until data collection is complete (i.e., December). HARC continues each week to work with Kent State, and to award the \$100 incentives to randomly selected participants.</p> <p>Despite running four to five months behind on data collection, HARC has tried to complete many of the other tasks as planned. For example, the narrative and framework of the Executive Report is finished, and ready to drop results into. The syntax is being cleaned and prepared currently, and "local features" are being collected now (planned completion by the end of November).</p>	
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	<p>them on March 11, they will deliver the reports on Monday, March 30th, the day before the data release event. This is a week faster than usual for them.</p> <p>With these agreements in place, and a lot of staff overtime, we can turn a four-month delay into only a two-month delay. We have created a very detailed internal week-by-week workflow to ensure that no pieces are forgotten, and the March 31 event goes smoothly.</p> <p>We may need to ask DHCD for a one-month no-cost extension towards the end of the grant, as our deliverables in Year 2 extend beyond simply releasing the data to the public. Specifically, the DHCD grant contingencies require that we co-create four reports with DHCD staff on the topics of health insurance coverage/utilization, mental health, social economic needs, and key diseases, as well as offer 15 trainings/workshops to the public by the end of the grant period. We will revisit the need for such a delay in our next progress report in six months (report #3 of 4).</p>		
<p>Pegasus Therapeutic Riding – All Ages, All Special Needs #989: Covering the Hard Costs of Clients West of Cook Street</p>	<p>Grant term 6/1/19 – 5/31/20 Original Approved Amount: \$109,534 1st progress report covering the time period from 6/1/19 – 11/30/19</p>	<p>Progress Outcomes: Pegasus has been able to add elementary schools to its program by deleting High School special needs students such as Rancho Mirage High School and adding Gerald Ford Elementary. Our program best serves "special needs" younger</p>	<p>District</p>

		<p>children in elementary and middle schools. They need our program and we have given them priority. Additionally, a new program for 29 Palms Marine Families with special needs children who receive no therapy has 3 clients that will begin our program in Jan. 2020. We have 3 children coming, 2 Autistic and 1 with Cerebral Palsy. We continue to forge a closer alliance of sharing data and program opportunities with United Cerebral Palsy of the Inland Empire.</p> <p><i>Describe any unexpected successes during this reporting period other than those originally planned:</i> Pegasus is currently in deal memo stage with Equestrian Center International (ECI), Rancho Mirage to lease their facility with an option to purchase beginning June 2020. This free-standing equestrian center has an indoor air-conditioned riding arena, restrooms, tack rooms and stalls for horses. Our Stable Manager would have a new trailer as her home placed on this property. We shall see how the owner and business partners continue to move forward on this transaction. The acquisition of this property would give Pegasus a final home in the center of the valley with opportunity for greater expansion and growth for the future.</p>	
Final Grant Reports			
Applicant	Staff Notes	5 things to be done differently	

<p>Desert ARC #981: Desert ARC Health Care Program</p>	<p>Grant term 11/1/18 – 10/31/19 Original Approved Amount: \$164,738</p> <p>FINAL RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED: The Health Care Program is estimated to provide 12,000 medical services serving 2,500 duplicated clients averaging 50-75 clients per day with 30 clients needed daily medication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A daily wellness check of each client in the Adult Day Center Program is performed by staff and if a problem is noted the nurses decide if they client remain in program or not. If conditions such as ring worm, Conjunctivitis or flu-like symptoms are detected, the client is sent home with directions to see their own physician (a doctor’s release is required to return to program). • A rigid reporting system for attendance of each client in the Adult Day Center and the Behavior Management Program is use as an indicator to evaluate the program response by the clients. The numbered served by the daily attendance record is a benchmark for the programs. <p>The staff and nurses maintain the wellness records of each client in the Adult Day Center and the Behavior Management programs using best practices methods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All clients in the Adult Day Center and the Behavior Management programs have annual physicals 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would provide more training opportunities in a digital format so more easily access by all staff. 2. Develop program description for nurses. 3. Complete the development of a nursing manual. 4. Create a nursing supervisor position that would contain a training component for training line staff. 5. Consulting physician to assist in the update of all policies; and the provision of vendor for vaccines and TB testing to reduce costs. 	
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	<p>conducted by their own physicians and the nurses monitored to be sure they are completed on time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 286 Desert Arc staff receive an TB test performed by the nurse, and staff HEP –B vaccines are provided by the nurse as needed. • The nurses are also responsible for training 26 Adult Day Center staff, keeping all agency first aid kits updated, and maintaining contact with clients’ physicians in all on-site programs at Desert Arc ensuring all client medical needs are met. • The Behavior Specialist is available to train the 22 staff in the Behavior Modification Program. Training programs available include both 1:1 training and group training, as well as the creation of behavior plans for the 90 clients in the program. <p>RESULTS ACHIEVED: The results statements above were met. The number of clients from ADC with improved barriers is indicated by the number of clients attending program because the licensed vocational nurses were available. The training programs and the creation of behavior plans exceeded the number of training sessions available. Desert Arc achieved a comprehensive program for clients in the Adult Day Center and the Behavior Modification program as indicated in the reduction in absenteeism and the increase in clients in each program over the</p>		
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	funding cycle. Currently, the Adult Day Center now has 163 clients and the Behavior Modification now has 92.		
<p>OneFuture CV #995 HCC Summer 2019 Internships for DHCD and FIND</p>	<p>Grant term 5/31/19 – 10/31/19 Original approved amount: \$14,628</p> <p>FINAL RESULTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two students completed a 10-week paid internship, one at Desert Healthcare District and one at FIND Food Bank, expanding their awareness of health needs and career opportunities in the Coachella Valley. - Desert Healthcare District and FIND Food Bank identified a priority project which was completed for their organization by an OFCV/HCC summer intern by October 1, 2019 - The student interns built a peer network through the HCC 2019 Southern CA Network leadership series workshops between June – September 2019 - Two students participated in five leadership workshops with approximately 100 student peers as part of the HCC Southern CA summer intern co-hort leadership series. - Two staff leads from the host organizations had an opportunity to network with OFCV/HCC host site leads from across the Coachella Valley during the 2019 HCC program mid-point mixer event, and the culminating celebration event. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The strategy and format for this program has been well refined over the past ten years of implementation, so not many things to do differently. 2. We will continue aggressive outreach to new employers to expand these internship opportunities and are always looking for new funding resources to support program expansion. 	



DESERT HEALTHCARE
DISTRICT & FOUNDATION

Date: December 17, 2019
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Service Agreement to Produce and Publish a History Book on the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation – NTE \$24,000

Staff Recommendation: Consideration for approval of a service agreement with Jeff Crider to produce and publish a history book on the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation – NTE \$24,000.

Background:

- In September 2018, the District and Foundation Board of Directors approved a Communications and Marketing Plan that included recording and publishing the history of the District, as a part of ongoing efforts to raise awareness of the District and Foundation.
- Three proposals were sought in fall 2019 to publish a history book (print and digital form). They are submitted below for consideration.
 - **Jeff Crider** of Palm Desert, CA, has written as a journalist for The Press-Enterprise, The Desert Sun and other publications, as well as written history books for special districts and government entities, including recent history books on the city of Coachella and the Coachella Valley Water District. Cost to research and write a completed manuscript: \$21,000 - \$24,000, (before design).
 - **Betsy Lumbye** of Fresno, CA, has had a long career in writing and editing, including five years as top editor of The Fresno Bee. She’s authored two books and a third is in the works, “Party of Three: The Bennetts and Palm Springs.” Her proposal includes a completed manuscript for \$22,250 (before design). Assistance in identifying editors, a designer and printer would require an additional fee.
 - **Melissa and Jim Riche** of Rancho Mirage, CA, have researched, written and designed historical accounts for the Palm Springs Preservation Foundation and The Desert Sun, and recently published an architectural history book of Rancho Mirage, “Mod Mirage.” Their proposal includes research, writing, design and presentation of printer-ready files. \$30,000.
- Staff has set a project deadline of September 1, 2020, with possible publication in September or late 2020.
- Staff recommends approval of a service agreement not to exceed \$24,000 with author Mr. Jeff Crider whose experience and approach to the project closely align with the District’s project goals.

Fiscal Impact:

Staff estimates the cost of the book project not to exceed \$45,000, including text, photographs, graphic design, Spanish translation, editing and initial printing. The cost of the book project is included in the fiscal year 2019-2020 Communications and Marketing Budget.

CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between Desert Healthcare District (“District”), a public agency organized and operating pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 32000 et seq., and Jeff Crider, (“Consultant”) as follows:

R-E-C-I-T-A-L-S

1. District would like to retain the services of Consultant to provide research and development of a book of the history of the District and Desert Healthcare Foundation.

2. Consultant is qualified and possesses the knowledge, skill, expertise, necessary to provide the consultant services (“Services”) as more specifically outlined in the attached Exhibit “A” History Book Proposal (“Consultant Proposal”).

C-O-V-E-N-A-N-T-S

1. CONSULTANT’S SERVICES.

1.1 Services. Consultant shall provide all research and services necessary to fully and adequately provide the District and the Desert Healthcare District with the history book services described in the Consultant’s Proposal. All Services shall be performed by Consultant to the reasonable satisfaction of the District.

1.2 Performance Standard. Consultant shall perform the Services with efficiency and diligence and shall execute the Services in accordance with the standards of Consultant’s profession, generally described as that degree of skill and care ordinarily exercised by professionals providing similar services as Consultant practicing in California.

1.3 District and Foundation’s Representative. For purposes of this Agreement, the District and Foundation’s Representative shall be District’s Chief Executive Officer Conrado Barzaga, located at 1140 North Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262. All amendments to this Agreement shall be subject to approval by the District Board.

2. FEES AND PAYMENTS.

2.1 Compensation for Services. For the full and satisfactory performance of the Services, District shall compensate Consultant a Not To Exceed the amount of \$24,000.

2.2 Invoices. Consultant shall deliver monthly invoices to the District no later than the 10th day of each month for Services.

2.3 Payment. The District shall remit payment for all amounts due to Consultant within thirty (30) days after receipt of invoices; provided, however, in the event District

disputes any portion of Consultant's invoice, it shall timely pay any undisputed amounts invoiced and notify Consultant within thirty (30) days of its receipt of the invoice of the specifics of any disputed amounts. The parties shall expeditiously resolve the subject of any disputed amounts by way of negotiation or, if necessary, mediation. Any such dispute shall not relieve Consultant of its obligation to continue diligently performing the Services.

3. TERM; TERMINATION.

3.1 Term. The term of this Agreement shall run from the date this Agreement is fully executed until September 1, 2020 subject to the District's right to terminate sooner for convenience.

3.2 Termination for Convenience. District may, at any time in the exercise of its sole discretion, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, with or without cause, by providing notice to Consultant of its intention to terminate the Agreement for convenience. So long as Consultant is not in default under this Agreement at the time of such termination, District shall pay Consultant for all Services incurred upto and including the date of termination.

4. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.

District has retained Consultant to provide, and Consultant shall perform, the Services as an independent contractor maintaining exclusive direction and control over its employees; and, no personnel utilized by Consultant to perform the Services are employees of the District.

5. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS.

All deliverables and other documents generated by Consultant in the performance of the Services, including all work papers, work-in-progress, designs, documents, data, ledgers, journals and reports prepared by Consultant as a part of Consultant's Services shall belong to and be subject to the sole ownership and use of the District. The provisions of this Paragraph 5 shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

6. INDEMNIFICATION.

Consultant agrees to indemnify and hold the District and Foundation, its governing body, officers, employees, representatives, agents, successors and assigns (collectively the District/Foundation Indemnities), harmless from and against any and all losses, liabilities, claims, causes of action or costs and expenses of whatever nature or kind, incurred or suffered by the District or the District/Foundation Indemnities including indemnity claims arising by reason of any personal injury of any person or property loss, loss of use, or damage, to the extent the same arise out of or in connection with the negligent act(s) or omission(s), recklessness, or willful misconduct of Consultant, its officers, employees,

subcontractors, or representatives, relating to the performance of the services outlined in this Agreement.

7. NOTICE.

All notices to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed effective upon receipt when personally served or two days after mailing by certified, return receipt requested, to the following addresses:

To: District
Desert Healthcare District
Attention: Conrado Barzaga, Chief Executive Officer
1140 N. Indian Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, California 92262

To: Consultant
Jeff Crider
74-464 Candlewood Street
Palm Desert, California 92660

8. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

8.1 Venue. Venue shall lie only in the federal or state courts nearest to the City of Palm Springs, in the County of Riverside, State of California.

8.2 Modification. This Agreement may not be altered in whole or in part except by a modification, in writing, executed by all the parties to this Agreement.

8.3 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with all Schedules attached, contains all representations and the entire understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. Any prior correspondence, memoranda, or agreements, whether or not such correspondence, memoranda, or agreements are in conflict with this Agreement, are intended to be replaced in total by this Agreement and its schedules.

8.4 Assignment. Consultant shall not be entitled to assign all or any portion of its rights or obligations contained in this Agreement without obtaining the prior written consent of the District. Nothing in this Agreement shall obligate the District to give such consent. Any purported assignment without the District's consent shall be void.

8.5 Binding Effect. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties and their respective purchasers, successors, heirs, and assigns.

8.6 Unenforceable Provisions. The terms, conditions, and covenants of this Agreement shall be construed whenever possible as consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. To the extent that any provision of this Agreement, as so interpreted, is held to

violate any applicable law or regulation, the remaining provisions shall nevertheless be carried into full force and effect and remain enforceable.

This Agreement is entered into in the County of Riverside, State of California.

“District”:

Desert Healthcare District

“Consultant”:

Jeff Crider

By: _____
Les Zendle M.D., President

By: _____
Jeff Crider

Date: _____

Date: _____



DATE: December 12, 2019

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO
Jeffrey G. Scott, General Counsel

RE: CV Link - MOU Contingencies and Conditions

Background:

On May 28, 2013, the Board of Directors of the Desert Healthcare District (“District”) approved (by vote of 4-1) the Whitewater River Trail Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendation to Coachella Valley Association of Governments (“CVAG”) for \$10 million with a funding contingency and conditions, adding that there would be no grant contract or agreement until an additional \$12.6 million was secured by CVAG and that no District funds would be expended or released until all the environmental clearances had been obtained. The District Board’s motion also provided that a written MOU memorializing the action and all contingencies would also be presented at a later time. As reflected in the minutes, Mr. Tom Kirk, CEO of CVAG, explained at the meeting that the purpose of early District approval “even with the contingencies, is needed for CVAG to leverage the DHCD grant for the additional \$12.6 [million] for the project.” On September 16, 2013, the MOU (attached as Exhibit “A”) was entered into by both parties and provided one contingency and nine conditions. The MOU also required that no District funds would be expended until all environmental clearances had been completed.

Contingency:

- District funding was contingent on CVAG securing an additional award from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) of at least an additional \$12.6 million which had to be secured within 30 months of June 1, 2013 (January 1, 2016), and could be from single or multiple sources.

At CVAG Executive Committee meeting on the October 28, 2013, the CVAG Executive Committee voted to authorize the commitment of \$12.6 million of Map 21 funds to the eastern portion of CVAG’s CV Link Project (“Project”), to provide matching funds to the \$10 million grant from the District. The funding commitment was acquired from the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Act. At a Special District Board meeting on November 21, 2013, Mr. Kirk reported on CVAG’s action and the securing of the additional \$12.6 million funding commitment required by the MOU. At the meeting, the District Board unanimously approved the securing of the additional funding, and as required by the MOU, the \$10 million was booked in the financial records as a District liability. (Minutes of the CVAG action and District Board action are attached as Exhibit “B.”)

At a Special Meeting on May 15, 2017, the CVAG Executive Committee Certified the Final California Environmental Quality Act Impact Report. CVAG has also completed all the documents necessary to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and in 2019 received the final required environment permit from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife Service.

District funding was also tied to:

1. Design,
2. Right of way and/easements,
3. Community engagement and outreach, and
4. Construction of facilities within the District boundaries.

Conditions of the MOU included:

- The requirement of CVAG to make every effort to tie District funding to acquisition of a “property interest” in the project. Such interest would be ownership of an easement(s) in favor of the District to ensure that the route remains open for public health-related purposes. Such a property interest would become an asset for the District.

Staff and District counsel worked with CVAG staff and counsel and agreed on a form of a Grant of Easement and Easement Deed, which CVAG is currently using and which satisfies the MOU condition of the District acquisition of a “property right” (copies attached as Exhibit “C”).

- A further condition of the MOU provided that District was to assume a participatory role during the design phase to ensure that public health-related objectives are secured and that, where feasible, connections to schools, health facilities, and the like are adequately accommodated.

- The final design and budget must be acceptable to the District.

Between July 2015 and October 2019, CVAG provided the District with 17 quarterly reports that were routinely included in the agenda packets. The reports summarize the status of the Project and work completed during the reporting period (copies attached as Exhibit “D”). In January 2016 and April 2017, CVAG made in-person presentations at the District Board meeting which included the design of the Project, funding status, and benefits of the Project. In July 2019, CVAG provided the District a set of the final construction plans (a copy of the presentation at the January 2016 meeting is attached as Exhibit “E”).

- A condition of the MOU also required collaboration between the District and CVAG to determine the long-term health benefits of the Project by the development and implementation of a health assessment tool.

This condition still needs to be coordinated between the District and CVAG staffs and is incorporated in the draft Grant Contract.

- In reliance on the District funding, the MOU provided that CVAG would seek additional funding sources for CV Link and would represent to prospective funding sources that the District has made the funding commitments.

CVAG has successfully secured over \$100 million from the following sources:

State Active Transportation Program	\$21,692,000
CVAG Transportation Funds	\$20,000,000
State Transportation Improvement Program	\$18,655,000
South Coast Air Quality Mitigation District	\$17,400,000
Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	\$12,600,000
California Strategic Growth Council	\$ 1,000,000
Riverside County Parks	\$ 750,000
Bicycle transportation Account Grant	\$ 748,000
Caltrans Environmental Justice Grant	\$ 291,000
Desert Healthcare District	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

Total: \$103,136,000

- The MOU provides that once the above-referenced contingency and conditions have been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the District, the parties will negotiate in good faith a grant contract that incorporates the terms outlined above and such other terms as the parties may agree upon.
- The MOU further provides that the grant contract will include deliverables and a payment schedule and District funding will be utilized on an actual cost reimbursable basis. In accordance with the MOU, such disbursement would likely occur over a 5-6 year period thereafter (e.g., approximately \$1-2 million per year).
- The MOU also provides that the District reserves the right to revoke its unexpended financial commitments in the event it becomes necessary to address major District or Desert Regional Medical Center related financial obligations (e.g., seismic retrofit obligations, cancellation of Tenet lease, etc.).
- The MOU also provides that both parties retain the right to terminate the MOU and the commitments made upon 60 days' written notice.

District staff and counsel have been working with CVAG staff and counsel to bring a recommended grant contract to the Board that incorporates the provisions of the MOU and the District funding commitments. The draft Grant Agreement is attached for Board consideration.

DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT GRANT AGREEMENT

This DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT GRANT AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is entered into by the Desert Healthcare District (“DISTRICT”), a California health care district organized and operating pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 32000 et seq., and Coachella Valley Association of Governments (“RECIPIENT”) and is effective upon execution by both parties.

RECITALS

- A. On September 16, 2013, DISTRICT and RECIPIENT entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) for the purpose of the District providing a funding commitment of up to \$10 million towards RECIPIENT’s CV Link Project (“Project”).

- B. Pursuant to the MOU, the grant from DISTRICT was contingent on RECIPIENT securing additional funding of \$12.6 million from other sources by January 2016 and the MOU contained other conditions which included:
 - 1) Completion of all environmental approvals.
 - 2) Tying DISTRICT funding to acquisition of a property interest in the necessary easements to ensure the CV Link routes remains open for public health-related purposes.
 - 3) DISTRICT to assume a participatory role in the design of the Project, to ensure that public health-related objectives were secured and that the final design and budget were acceptable to the DISTRICT.
 - 4) Collaboration between the DISTRICT and RECIPIENT to determine the long-term health benefits of the Project by the development and implementation of a health assessment tool.
 - 5) CVAG would seek additional funding sources for the CV Link Project and would represent to prospective funding sources that the District has made the funding commitments.

- C. The MOU provided that once the contingency and conditions have been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the DISTRICT, the parties will negotiate in good faith a grant contract that incorporates the terms outlined in the MOU and such other terms as the parties may agree upon.
- D. The parties, by this Grant Agreement, desire to move into the next phase of the DISTRICT grant by implementing and incorporating the terms and conditions of the MOU, including a grant payment schedule and other terms and conditions reflected in the MOU.

COVENANTS

1. **Grant**

DISTRICT agrees to provide RECIPIENT with grant funding based on an actual cost reimbursable basis, which shall be funded in accordance with the attached Exhibit “B” Deliverables and Payment Schedule. Payments shall be made by DISTRICT in increments not to exceed \$1.67 million in any fiscal-year period beginning with the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

The purpose and use of the DISTRICT grant funding will be to further public access related to public health and wellness in the communities served by the DISTRICT. In accordance with the MOU, the DISTRICT reserves the right to revoke or re-negotiate payment schedule for unexpended financial commitments in the event it becomes necessary to address major DISTRICT or Desert Regional Medical Center related financial obligations (e.g. seismic retrofit obligations, cancellation of Tenet lease, etc.). DISTRICT retains the right to terminate the commitments made upon 60-day written notice to RECIPIENT.

Grant amount: \$10 million.

2. **Term of Agreement**

The term of this agreement is from September 16, 2013, through June 30, 2026, subject to earlier termination as provided in this agreement.

3. **Legal Responsibility/Liability**

In authorizing execution of this Agreement, the governing body of RECIPIENT accepts legal responsibility to ensure that the funds provided by DISTRICT are allocated solely for the purpose for which the grant is intended. RECIPIENT agrees to be knowledgeable of the requirements of this agreement and to be responsible for compliance with its terms. In no event shall DISTRICT be legally responsible or liable for RECIPIENT's performance or failure to perform under the terms of the grant or this Agreement.

RECIPIENT agrees that DISTRICT may review, audit, and/or inspect any DISTRICT-funded program operated by RECIPIENT under this agreement for compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

4. **Reduction/Reimbursement of Awarded Funds**

DISTRICT may reduce, suspend, or terminate the payment or amount of the grant if the District determines in its reasonable discretion that RECIPIENT is not using the grant for the development and construction of CV Link. RECIPIENT hereby expressly waives any and all claims against DISTRICT for damages that may arise from the termination, suspension, or reduction of the grant funds provided by DISTRICT for the reasons described in this Section 4.

RECIPIENT further agrees to reimburse any funds received from DISTRICT, where the DISTRICT reasonably determines that grant funds have not been utilized by RECIPIENT for their intended purpose.

5. **Other Funding Sources**

If requested by DISTRICT, RECIPIENT shall make information available regarding other funding sources or collaborating agencies for the programs or services provided by RECIPIENT.

6. **Attribution Policy**

RECIPIENT agrees to comply with the DISTRICT'S attribution policy, which is attached to this Agreement as Exhibit "A."

7. **Payment Schedule**

Unless RECIPIENT and DISTRICT agree upon alternative arrangements, grant funds shall be allocated and paid according to the schedule and requirements described on Exhibit "B." In the event RECIPIENT fails to provide report(s) and/or appropriate supporting documentation in a timely manner, RECIPIENT may be subject to a delay or discontinuance of funding, at DISTRICT'S reasonable discretion.

8. **Program Budget**

RECIPIENT'S estimated project budget is attached to this Agreement as Exhibit "C" for DISTRICT approval in conjunction with this Agreement. DISTRICT acknowledges that the estimated budget will be dependent on market conditions and other factors at the time of bidding for construction and other services.

9. **Scope of Services/Recipient Activities**

RECIPIENT has provided DISTRICT with quarterly reports from July 2015 through October 2019 that summarized the status of the Project and the work completed during the reporting period, and RECIPIENT has provided DISTRICT with a complete set of final construction plans.

10. **Evaluation/Outcomes Reporting/Health Assessment Tool**

RECIPIENT shall cooperate in efforts undertaken by DISTRICT to evaluate RECIPIENT'S effectiveness and use of the grant funds. RECIPIENT shall participate in and comply with all on-site evaluation and grant monitoring procedures including interviews with RECIPIENT'S staff by DISTRICT. RECIPIENT shall also continue to provide quarterly progress reports to DISTRICT

Within twelve (12) months of entering into this Agreement, the parties agree to cooperate and develop a health assessment tool/plan for presentation to the DISTRICT Board with the intent to maximize the long-term health benefits of the Project.

11. **Use of Funds**

Pursuant to the terms of the MOU, DISTRICT funding shall be tied to design, right of way and/or easements, community engagement and outreach, and construction of facilities within DISTRICT boundaries. The funds received pursuant to this Agreement may not be used by RECIPIENT for general operating expenses or any other programs or services provided by RECIPIENT .

Upon request, RECIPIENT shall make available for the DISTRICT and members of the public, a detailed description of the project funded, in part, by DISTRICT. This program description may be a separate document or may be incorporated into the overall program materials developed by the RECIPIENT.

12. **Prevailing Wages.**

If the funds received are used to pay for any portion of an applicable "public works" or "maintenance" project, as defined by the Prevailing Wage Laws (Labor Code sections 1720 et seq., and 1770 et seq.), RECIPIENT agrees to fully comply with such Prevailing Wage Laws, if applicable. RECIPIENT shall require any contractor or subcontractor performing work on an applicable "public works" or "maintenance" project to fully comply with all Prevailing Wage Laws, including but not limited to the payment of prevailing wages, registration with DIR, and maintenance of certified payroll records.

13. **Independent Contractor Status**

The relationship between DISTRICT and RECIPIENT, and the agents, employees, and subcontractors of RECIPIENT in the performance of this agreement, shall be one of independent contractors, and no agent, employee, or subcontractor of RECIPIENT shall be deemed to be an officer, employee, or agent of DISTRICT.

14. **Use of Funds for Lobbying or Political Purposes**

RECIPIENT is prohibited from using funds provided by DISTRICT herein for any political campaign or to support attempts to influence legislation by any governmental body.

15. **Compliance with Applicable Law and Regulations**

RECIPIENT shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to labor laws, occupational and general safety laws, and licensing laws. All licenses, permits, notices, and certificates as are required to be maintained by RECIPIENT shall be in effect throughout the term of this Agreement.

RECIPIENT shall notify DISTRICT in writing within five (5) days if any required licenses or permits are canceled, suspended, or otherwise terminated, or if RECIPIENT becomes a party to any litigation or investigation by a regulatory agency that may interfere with the ability of RECIPIENT to perform its duties under this Agreement.

16. **Changes or Modifications to the Use of DISTRICT Grant Funds**

RECIPIENT shall submit to DISTRICT, in writing, any requests for proposed changes in the use of DISTRICT grant funds. DISTRICT must receive such requests at least thirty (30) days prior to the date the proposed changes are to be implemented and the proposed changes shall be subject to DISTRICT Board approval.

17. **No-Cost Grant Extensions**

Any request by the RECIPIENT to extend a grant's project period without additional funding from the DISTRICT will be processed pursuant to the DISTRICT's No-Cost Grant Extension Policy. Any no-cost grant extension request shall be subject to DISTRICT Board approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

18. **Conflict of Interest/Self Dealing**

RECIPIENT and RECIPIENT'S officers and employees shall not have a financial interest or acquire any financial interest, direct or indirect, in any business entity or source of income that could be financially affected by, or otherwise conflict in any manner or degree with, the performance of programs or services required under this Agreement.

19. **Indemnity and Hold Harmless**

RECIPIENT agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless DISTRICT and its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, and servants from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any and all employees, contractors, subcontractors, laborers, volunteers, and any other person, firm, or corporation furnishing or supplying work, services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm, or corporation who may be injured or damaged by RECIPIENT in the performance or execution of this agreement, or in the expenditure of grant funds provided by DISTRICT.

20. **Fiscal/Accounting Principles**

RECIPIENT shall maintain an accounting system that accurately reflects and documents all fiscal transactions for which grant funds are used. The accounting system must conform to generally accepted accounting principles and upon request, DISTRICT shall have the right to review, inspect, and copy all books and records related to the accounting system.

21. **Documentation of Revenues and Expenses**

RECIPIENT shall maintain full and complete documentation of all revenue and expenses associated with use of the grant funds covered by this Agreement. During the term of this Agreement and thereafter, DISTRICT or its authorized representative(s) shall have the right to review all RECIPIENT financial records including records related to the use or disbursement of the grant funds, upon request by DISTRICT. DISTRICT shall also have the right to audit, if necessary, RECIPIENT'S use of grant funds and any and all programs or services that were

provided through the use of the DISTRICT funds. In the event of an audit or financial review, RECIPIENT agrees to provide DISTRICT access to all of RECIPIENT'S books and records.

22. **Records Retention**

All records of RECIPIENT pertaining to the use of grant funds shall be maintained at RECIPIENT'S main local office for at least five (5) years following the year in which grant funds were first provided by DISTRICT.

23. **Governing Law**

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

24. **Assignment or Transfer**

RECIPIENT may not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement or entitlement to grant funds without the written consent of District.

25. **Entire Agreement, Amendment**

This Agreement contains the entire understanding and agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements not contained herein. This Agreement may only be amended or modified by a writing signed by both parties.

26. **Notices**

Any notice required or permitted pursuant to this Agreement may be given by a party to the other party at the address set forth in the signature block of this Agreement. Either party may change its address for purposes of notice by complying with the requirements of this section.

27. **Signatories**

The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the RECIPIENT have been designated by the governing body or fiscal agent of the RECIPIENT as the official signatories of this Agreement and all related documents. At least one of these persons is a member of the RECIPIENT'S governing board, and both persons have the authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of RECIPIENT.

RECIPIENT: Coachella Valley Association of Governments
73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 200

Palm Desert, CA 92260

Name: Jeff L. Grubbe
Title: Chairman

Name: Tom Kirk
Title: Executive Director

SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE

DATE

DATE

DISTRICT: Desert Healthcare District
1140 N. Indian Canyon Dr.
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Name: Les Zandle
Title: President, Board of Directors

Name: Conrado Barzaga
Title: Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE

DATE

DATE

EXHIBIT A

DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT ATTRIBUTION POLICY

1. **Attribution Wording**

Attribution for District-funded programs shall be as follows:

“Made possible by funding from Desert Healthcare District” / “Echo possible por medio de fondos de Desert Healthcare District” or “Funded by Desert Healthcare District” / “Fondado por Desert Healthcare District”

2. **Educational Materials**

Educational materials are items such as brochures, workbooks, posters, videos, curricula, or games. Materials (in print or electronic formats) produced and distributed for Desert Healthcare District-funded programs shall include the approved wording.

3. **Promotional Materials**

District attribution shall be included on promotional items such as flyers, banners, and other types of signage. However, acknowledgement may be omitted when space limitation is an issue (e.g., buttons, pencils, pens, etc.)

4. **Media Materials and Activities**

Attribution to the District shall be included in any information distributed to the media for the purpose of publicizing a District-funded program. This information may include news releases and advisories, public service announcements (PSAs), television and radio advertisements, and calendar/event listings.

Media and publicity activities, such as news conferences, story pitching, press interviews, editorial board meetings and promotional events shall include reference to the District’s program support. As a courtesy, the District would appreciate notification of these activities at least two (2) weeks in advance, whenever possible. Please send to the District copies of any press coverage of District-funded programs.

5. **Logo Usage**

Use of the Desert Healthcare District logo is permitted and encouraged. Logos can be provided in print and electronic formats. Logos will be provided by DISTRICT upon initial grant funding and at RECIPIENT’s request thereafter. Graphic standards for logos shall be adhered to as provided by DISTRICT. Requests for logo should be directed to the Program Department of Desert Healthcare District.

6. **Photograph Consent**

RECIPIENT shall permit photographs of District-funded program to be taken by District designated photographer at District expense, and consents to usage of such photographs on District Web site and other materials designed to inform and educate the public about District.

EXHIBIT B

DELIVERABLES & PAYMENT SCHEDULES

All payments from DISTRICT to CVAG shall be on an actual cost reimbursement basis. CVAG agrees to seek reimbursement of only those costs which are eligible for reimbursement. CVAG shall be responsible for initial payment of all covered costs as they are incurred. Following payment of such costs, CVAG shall submit invoices to DISTRICT requesting reimbursement of those eligible costs associated with the CV Link project. Each invoice shall be accompanied by detailed contractor invoices, or other demands for payment addressed to CVAG, and documents evidencing payment of the invoices or demands for payment. CVAG shall submit invoices quarterly.

Upon receipt of an invoice from CVAG, DISTRICT may request additional documentation or explanation of the Project costs. Undisputed reimbursement amounts shall be paid to CVAG within thirty (30) days.

Prior to any final payment to CVAG, a final invoice shall be submitted to DISTRICT containing a record of all payments made for the CV Link project. Final payment will thereafter be paid by DISTRICT in accordance with this agreement.

It is understood and agreed that Payments shall be made by DISTRICT in increments not to exceed \$1.67 million in any fiscal-year period beginning with the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

EXHIBIT C
ESTIMATED PROJECT BUDGET

EXHIBIT C

Detailed Engineer's Estimate and Total Project Costs- Cycle 3

Important: Read the Instructions in the first sheet (tab) before entering data. Do not enter data in shaded fields (with formulas).

Project Information:

Agency:	Coachella Valley Association of Governments	Date:	6/14/2016
Project Description:	50 miles multi-modal transportation corridor for bicycles, pedestrians, and low-speed electric vehicles		
Project Location:	Coachella Valley, Eastern Riverside County, from Palm Springs to Coachella		
Licensed Engineer in responsible charge of preparing or reviewing this PSR-Equivalent Cost Estimate:	Ulrich Sauerbrey	License #:	64642

Engineer's Estimate and Cost Breakdown:

Engineer's Estimate (for Construction Items Only)							Cost Breakdown					
Item No.	Item	F, D or M	Quantity	Units	Unit Cost	Total Item Cost	ATP Eligible Costs/Items		ATP Ineligible Costs/Items		Corps/CCC to construct	
							%	\$	%	\$	%	\$
General Overhead-Related Construction Items												
1	Mobilization		1	LS	4,500,000	\$4,500,000	97%	\$4,366,236	3%	\$133,764		
2	Traffic Control		1	LS	1,500,000	\$1,500,000	97%	\$1,455,412	3%	\$44,588		
3	Stormwater Protection Plan		1	LS	1,500,000	\$1,500,000	97%	\$1,455,412	3%	\$44,588		
4	PM-10 Dust Control Measures		1	LS	750,000	\$750,000	97%	\$727,706	3%	\$22,294		
5	Construction Water		1	LS	287,600	\$287,600	97%	\$279,051	3%	\$8,549		
General Construction Items (non-decorative only)												
6	Clearing and Grubbing		4,750,000	SF	\$0.15	\$712,500	100%	\$712,500				
7	Excavation (Cut/Fill)		500,000	CY	\$12.00	\$6,000,000	100%	\$6,000,000				
8	Fine Grading-Surface Preparation		4,750,000	SF	\$0.10	\$475,000	100%	\$475,000				
9	Aggregate Base-Level Course		27,100	CY	\$26.00	\$704,600	100%	\$704,600				
10	Concrete Pathway		2,850,000	SF	\$11.00	\$31,350,000	100%	\$31,350,000				
11	Pedestrian Trail		158,400	LF	\$7.50	\$1,188,000	100%	\$1,188,000				
12	Concrete Undercrossings and Ramps		125,700	SF	\$15.00	\$1,885,500	100%	\$1,885,500				
13	Guard Rails and Fall Protection		26,400	LF	\$110.00	\$2,904,000	100%	\$2,904,000				
14	Channel Slope Stabilization (soil)		1,584,000	SF	\$0.75	\$1,188,000	100%	\$1,188,000				
15	4" Pathway Underdrain		86,000	LF	\$15.00	\$1,290,000	100%	\$1,290,000				
16	Bridges and Channel Crossings		1	LS	\$8,600,000	\$8,600,000	100%	\$8,600,000				
17	At Grade Street Crossings		44,300	LF	\$30.00	\$1,329,000	100%	\$1,329,000				
18	On-street Improvements		400,000	SF	\$10.00	\$4,000,000	100%	\$4,000,000				
19	8" Thermoplastic Striping and		105,000	l	\$1.25	\$131,250	100%	\$131,250				
20	Lighting and Illumination		158,400	LF	\$10.00	\$1,584,000	100%	\$1,584,000				
21	Restroom Facilities		4	EA	\$250,000	\$1,000,000			100%	\$1,000,000		
Decorative & Landscaping-related Items (Label items as "F" for Functional, "D" for Decorative, or "M" for a mix of Decorative and Functional)												
22	Trees-Palms	D	300	EA	750	\$225,000			100%	\$225,000		
23	Trees-Shade and Ornamental	M	500	EA	500	\$250,000	50%	\$125,000	50%	\$125,000		
24	Shrubs/groundcover	M	250,000	SQFT	5	\$1,250,000	50%	\$625,000	50%	\$625,000		
25	Irrigation / Water Connection	F	250,000	SQFT	2	\$375,000	100%	\$375,000				
26									100%			
27									100%			
28									100%			
Subtotal of Construction Items:						\$74,979,450		\$72,750,668		\$2,228,782		
<small>\$3,637,533 <= 5% of eligible CON costs (max. decorative, if applicable)</small>												
Construction Item Contingencies (% of Construction Items):					0	\$7,497,945		\$7,275,067		\$222,878		
Total (Construction Items & Contingencies) cost:						\$82,477,395		\$80,025,735		\$2,451,660		

Project Delivery Costs:

Type of Project Cost	Cost \$	ATP Eligible Costs	Non-participating Costs		
Preliminary Engineering (PE)					
Environmental Studies and Permits(PA&ED):	\$ 9,041,000	\$8,772,254	\$268,746	"PE" costs / "CON" costs	12% 25% Max
Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E):	\$ 1,079,000	\$1,046,926	\$32,074		
Total PE:	\$ 10,120,000	\$9,819,181	\$300,819		
Right of Way (RW)					
Right of Way Engineering:	\$ 2,000,000	\$1,940,550	\$59,450	"CE" costs / "CON" costs	4% 15% Max
Acquisitions and Utilities:	\$ 1,900,000	\$1,843,522	\$56,478		
Total RW:	\$ 3,900,000	\$3,784,072	\$115,928		
Construction Engineering (CE)					
Construction Engineering (CE):	\$ 3,500,000	\$3,395,962	\$104,038		
Total Project Delivery:	\$17,520,000	\$16,999,214	\$520,786		
Total Construction Costs:	\$85,977,395	\$83,421,696	\$2,555,699		
Total Project Cost:	\$99,997,395	\$97,024,948	\$2,972,447		

Documentation of Ineligible (Non-Participating) Costs:

The Engineer's logic and/or calculations for splitting costs between ATP-Eligible and Non-participating costs must be documented in this section of the Estimate form. Separate logic is required for each construction item listed above which is partly ineligible for ATP funding or is required for the construction of an ineligible item/element of the project.

Item Number(s):

Detailed Engineer's Estimate and Total Project Costs- Cycle 3

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Project Location:	Coachella Valley, Eastern Riverside County, from Palm Springs to Coachella		
Licensed Engineer in responsible charge of preparing or reviewing this PSR-Equivalent Cost Estimate:		Ulrich Sauerbrey	License #: 64642
22	Per ATP guidelines restroom costs are not eligible		
26	Per ATP guidelines palm trees are not eligible		
27,28	Landscaping is estimated to be 50% functional and 50% decorative		

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
AND
COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding “(MOU)” between the DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT “(DHCD)” and the COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS “(CVAG)” is to memorialize the action and all contingencies taken by the DHCD Board on May 28, 2013, pursuant to Motion #13-33. The action taken by the DHCD Board was the approval to fund Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) for the 1e11 Whitewater River Trail, aka, CV Link (“CV Link”), with certain funding contingencies and conditions. This MOU describes the funding contingencies and conditions.

FUNDING CONTINGENCIES AND CONDITIONS

DHCD Motion #13-33 – May 28, 2013

#13-33 MOTION MADE by Vice-President Hazen and seconded by President Grayman to approve the 1e11 Whitewater River Trail Ad Hoc Committee recommendation for \$10 million to the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) with the funding contingencies and conditions as noted on pages 90-91 of the May 28, 2013 Board Packet including the stipulation that there will be no grant contract or agreement until an additional \$12.6 million is secured by CVAG (within 30 months) and that no Desert Healthcare District funds will be expended or released until all the required environmental clearances have been obtained. A written agreement memorializing this action and all contingencies such as a Memorandum of Understanding will be permitted at any time. Motion Approved 4 to 1.

Contingency

DHCD funding is tied to CVAG securing the gap funding of \$12,600,000 created when the South Coast Air Quality Management District “(AQMD)” award of \$17,400,000 was insufficient to meet the funding contingency which tied a DHCD grant award of \$10,000,000 to an AQMD award of at least \$30,000,000. The \$12,600,000 must be secured within 30 months of June 1, 2013 and may be from single or multiple funding sources.

Conditions

1. DHCD funding is tied to 1.) design, 2.) right of way and/or easements, 3.) community engagement and outreach, and 4.) construction of facilities within DHCD boundaries.

2. DHCD reserves the right to revoke its unexpended financial commitments in the event it becomes necessary to address a major DHCD or Desert Regional Medical Center related financial obligation (e.g. seismic retrofit obligations, cancellation of Tenet lease, etc.).
3. DHCD funding will be utilized on an actual cost reimbursable basis with the understanding that actual disbursements will not be necessary for 2 more years. Such disbursements will likely occur over a 5-6 year period thereafter (e.g. approximately \$1-\$2Million/year).
4. CVAG will make every effort to tie DHCD funding to acquisition of a "property interest" in the project. Such an interest will be ownership of an easement(s) in favor of the DHCD and to ensure that the route remains open for public health related purposes. Such a property interest becomes an asset for the DHCD.
5. DHCD will assume a participatory role during the design phase to ensure that public health related objectives are secured and that, where feasible, connections to schools, health facilities and the like are adequately accommodated.
6. Final design and budget must be acceptable to the DHCD.
7. A collaboration between DHCD and CVAG will determine the long-term health benefit by the development and implementation of a health assessment tool.
8. If approved as recommended, the grant contract will include deliverables and payment schedule if and when the \$12.6 Million is secured as demonstrated by formal action/notice of awards and/or other documentation suitable to the DHCD.
9. Based on the recommendation, if the contingency is met (\$12.6 Million is secured), the \$10 Million grant award will be booked as a liability by DHCD at that time. Availability of funds will be tied to demonstrated progress such as successful completion of environmental clearances.

The parties understand that, in reliance on the DHCD actions described above, CVAG will seek additional funding sources for CV Link and will represent to those prospective funding sources that DHCD has made the described funding commitments.

Once the above-described contingencies have been fulfilled to the satisfaction of DHCD, the parties will negotiate in good faith a grant contract that incorporates the terms outlined above and such other terms as the parties may agree upon.

Based on DHCD actions outlined above, CVAG agrees to use its best efforts to acquire additional funding to develop the CV Link. In consideration for those efforts, DHCD agrees maintain its funding commitment outlined above in effect for 30 months expiring on November 30, 2015.

This MOU and the commitments made herein will be reviewed by the parties every six months. Any changes to this MOU will be made with the approval of both parties.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2013**

The audio file for this committee meeting can be found at:
<http://www.cvaa.org/minutes.htm>.



1. CALL TO ORDER

The October 28, 2013 Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Don Adolph, City of La Quinta, at CVAG Conference Room #119 in Palm Desert.

2. ROLL CALL

A roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present. Those in attendance were as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember Joseph De Coninck
Mayor Kathleen De Rosa
Mayor Eduardo Garcia
Mayor Yvonne Parks
Mayor Mary Roche
Councilmember Lupe Ramos-Watson
Mayor Don Adolph
Mayor Jan Harnik
Mayor Pro Tem Chris Mills
Mayor Richard Kite
Supervisor Jeff Stone
Supervisor Marion Ashley

AGENCY

City of Blythe
City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
County of Riverside 3rd District
County of Riverside 5th District

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Tribal Chair Jeff Grubbe
Tribal Chairman David Roosevelt

AGENCY

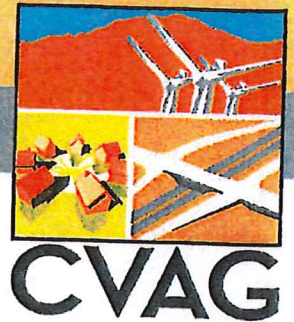
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember Steven Hernandez
Frank Luckino
Rod Wood
David Garcia
Wade Mc Kinney
Dan Martinez
Frank Spevacek
John Wohlmuth
David Ready
Randy Bynder
Juan Perez

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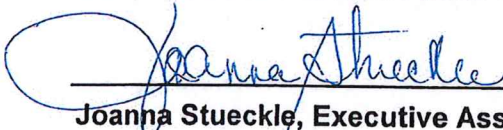
**CERTIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE
COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2013**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING ACTION WAS TAKEN BY CVAG'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT ITS OCTOBER 28, 2013 MEETING:

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR DE ROSA AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HARNIK TO:

- 1) DELAY AND SHIFT CVAG'S COMMITMENT TO PRIORITIZE THIS ROUND OF CMAQ FUNDING OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT'S MID VALLEY BIKE PATH PROJECT BY:
 - a. ALLOCATING PRIORITY FUNDING FROM THIS CYCLE TO CV LINK
 - b. SET ASIDE FUNDING IN THE NEXT ROUND OF CMAQ FUNDING FOR THE CITY'S PROJECT.
- 2) AUTHORIZE A COMMITMENT OF \$12.6 MILLION OF MAP21 FUNDS TO THE EASTERN PORTION OF CVAG'S CV LINK PROJECT TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS TO A \$10 MILLION GRANT FROM THE DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT.
- 3) APPOINT PALM DESERT MAYOR JAN HARNIK FROM THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE; AND, CITY MANAGERS RANDY BYNDER FROM THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE, AND FRANK SPEVACEK FROM THE CITY OF LA QUINTA, TO PARTICIPATE ON AN AD HOC TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP THE 2014 CALL FOR PROJECTS; FOR APPROXIMATELY \$8,203,228.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH MAYOR ROCHE VOTING NAY AND COUNCILMEMBER DE CONINCK ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE.


Joanna Stueckle, Executive Assistant

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 2013**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Desert Healthcare District was held in the Arthur H. "Red" Motley Boardroom, Palm Springs, CA.

Attendance:

Members

Glen Grayman, MD – President
Kay Hazen – Vice-President
Michael Solomon, MD – Treasurer
Mark Matthews - Director
William Grimm, DO - Director

Absent:

Staff

Kathy Greco, Chief Executive Officer
Peter Young, Chief Operating Officer
Donna Craig, Chief Grants Officer
Samantha Prior, Operations & Support Manager
Steve Brown, Clerk to the Board

Legal Counsel

Carlos Campos

Guests

A. Alexander M.D., UCR School of Medicine
Ron Stewart, Riverside County Office on Aging
Tricia Gehrlein, Clinton Foundation
Victor Briscoe, Resident
Jill Gover, Director of Counseling, The Center
Gary Costa, Executive Director, The Center
Eileen Packer, CEO, HARC, Inc.
Jenna LeCome-Hinely, Director of Research, HARC
Linda Evans, Director of Business Development, JFK Memorial Hospital

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by President Grayman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Grayman asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

#13-72 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Grimm to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee – Director Solomon
No meeting in November

Ad Hoc Committee & Project Team Updates

1. Ad Hoc Mental Health Committee

The committee met on November 12th and had a presentation on a “Hybrid Model of Clubhouse Model with Out Patients Services”. The committee will explore other options for local out-patient mental health services.

2. Project Team – Affordable Care Act/Covered California
Enrollment Event on Thursday, December 5th sponsored by DRMC.

3. Project Team – Access to Healthy Food
Meeting in December.

4. Ad Hoc DHS Health & Wellness Center Committee
Committee met and recommended a wait and see mode regarding the Health & Wellness Center.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration to Approve the Securing of Additional Funds as stated in Condition #9 of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Desert Healthcare District and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments dated September 16, 2013, which states that once the \$12.6 million is secured by CVAG for the CV Link, the \$10 million commitment from the Desert Healthcare District will be booked as a liability.

Mr. Kirk reported to the Board that CVAG had secured the additional funding as required by the MOU. As he reviewed a power-point that included conceptual drawings for CV-Link he commented that this is not really a trail, but a public health infrastructure project, including walking, bicycling, and motorized electric vehicles that connect the Coachella Valley. Groundbreaking for Phase I could begin in late 2015/early 2016. Phase I could possibly begin at both ends of the Coachella Valley - in Palm Springs and the City of Coachella. CV Link is the largest project of its kind in both the state and the nation.

#13-77 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Vice-President Hazen to Approve the Securing of Additional Funds as stated in Condition #9 of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Desert Healthcare District and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments dated September 16, 2013, which states that once the \$12.6 million is secured by CVAG for the CV Link, the \$10 million commitment from the Desert Healthcare District will be booked as a liability.

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Attn: _____

APN: [REDACTED]

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GRANT OF EASEMENT

(Sub-Easement to utilize CV Link Multi-Modal Transportation Corridor Project)

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, a joint powers authority created under the laws of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor") does hereby grant to DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT, a California healthcare district (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee"), its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement and right of way to utilize the multipurpose public path for which Grantor has been granted the various easements which are described on Attachment "A" attached hereto ("Primary Easements"), for the purpose of public access related to public health and wellness ("Sub-Easement"). The exercise of the Sub-Easement will be subject to the scope and limitations contained in the Primary Easements and in no event will Grantee exercise its rights under the Sub-Easement in any manner that interferes with the exercise of Grantor's rights under the Primary Easements or which would violate the terms of the Primary Easements.

Grantor hereby executes this Grant of Easement as of the date set forth below.

Date: _____

GRANTOR:

COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION
OF GOVERNMENTS, a joint powers
authority

By: _____
Name: Tom Kirk
Title: Executive Director

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE }

On _____, before me, _____, Notary Public, personally appeared Tom Kirk, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature of Notary

Recording requested by and when recorded, return to:

Coachella Valley Association
of Governments
Attn: Martin Magana
73-710 Fred Waring Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260

APN: [REDACTED]

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EASEMENT DEED

(CV Link Multi-Modal Transportation Corridor Project)

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, [REDACTED] (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor") does hereby grant to the COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, a joint powers authority created under the laws of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee"), its successors and assigns, a perpetual exclusive easement and right of way for a multipurpose public path ("Project"), including riding, walking, jogging, running, biking, electric vehicles and similar uses in, on, over and across that portion of Grantor's property that is legally described in Attachment "A", which is attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein, and graphically depicted on Attachment "B", which is attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein (collectively, the "Easement"). The purpose of the Project and the Easement is to (i) foster mobility within the Coachella Valley, (ii) promote public health and wellness through exercise and the use of different modes of transportation, (iii) ensure public safety by providing a dedicated path for such modes of transportation, (iv) enhance mobility and accessibility for disadvantaged individuals, and (v) provide environmental benefits such as improved air quality and reduced carbon emissions from the use of different modes of transportation. The Easement will include the right of Grantee to access, construct and maintain a paved path within the area described on Attachment B, as well as utility installations, lighting, rest areas, exercise stations and such other facilities as are reasonable or desirable for the public use of the Project. Grantee shall be solely responsible for the construction, operation, maintenance and use of the Project facilities within the area described on Attachment B. Grantee will have the right to grant a non-exclusive easement to Desert Healthcare District for the use of the Easement for the purpose of using the Easement for public access related to public health and wellness. In addition to any rights that Grantee may have at law or equity to enforce the terms of this Easement, in the event that Grantee fails to enforce the terms of this Easement as necessary for public benefit and use of the Project, then the public agencies and entities that have provided funding for the Project as of the date of this Easement Deed shall have the right, individually or collectively, to enforce the provisions of this Easement Deed for the benefit of the public.

[signature page follows]

Grantor hereby executes this Deed of Easement as of the date set forth below.

Date: _____

GRANTOR:

By: _____

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Title: _____

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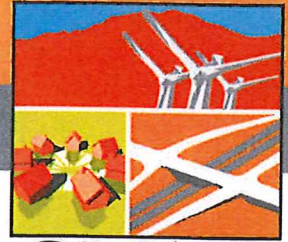
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Signature of Notary



Date: October 28, 2015

Progress Report for the reporting period: July 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015

Grantee: Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)

Project Title: CV Link Project

Project Manager: LeGrand Velez, Transportation Program Manager

1. Give a brief summary of the organization and the objectives of the project

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2. Summarize work completed during reporting period:

Two Operations and Maintenance Workshops were held in August: one directed to city staffs and the other directed to elected officials. In addition, a public safety costs survey was distributed to city managers in September. Both of these initiatives will inform the final version of the CV Link Master Plan. The NEV Transportation Plan was reviewed by the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and approved at their meeting on September 9, 2015. The NEV Plan was also submitted to Caltrans for another review. A response is pending. Alignments for the core project and for future community connectors continue to evolve and refine as additional information becomes available.

In addition, Cathedral City is entering a cooperative agreement with CVAG to construct a bike path along the Whitewater Channel, between Vista Chino and Ramon Roads, along the future route of CV Link. The City has agreed to plan the bike path to be consistent with CV Link design standards.

3. What challenges and opportunities have you encountered in accomplishing this portion of your Scope of Work?

In the period of July through September, CVAG spent a lot of time responding to public concerns about future operations and maintenance costs, and public safety plans and budget. In order to address these concerns, a city official outreach process was instituted.

5. Is your project on schedule?

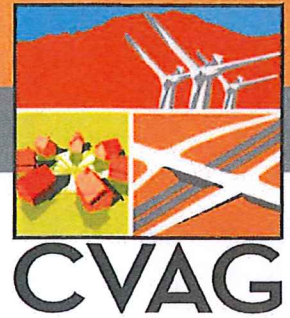
Yes the project is on schedule. Final Master Plan documents, including the NEV Transportation Plan, will be completed in December 2015. Construction documents will be completed to the 30% level in February 2016. The first Caltrans Project Development Team (PDT) meeting for federal environmental oversight is scheduled for October 29, 2015.

4. Provide a narrative financial report on expenditures and budgeted amounts.

Master Plan development expenditures to date are approximately \$1.5 Million. Approximately another \$0.5 Million has been expended on engineering and environmental compliance work. No Desert Health Care District funds have been encumbered to date, as these are designated for construction.

5. Work planned for next reporting period.

The four volume CV Link Master Plan will be finalized. This document will finalize the various alignments that will be addressed in the environmental documents. Preliminary 30% construction documents, necessary for environmental analysis, will be reviewed and refined. Designs for amenities and landscaping will be further developed. Work on numerous technical studies in support of federal and state environmental will proceed. CVAG will continue outreach, including responding to public inquiries, giving public presentation, and correcting misinformation propagated by project opponent.



Date: May 25, 2016

Progress Report #2015-4 for the reporting period: Oct 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

Grantee: Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)

Project Title: CV Link Project SCAQMD Contract No: 13459

Project Manager: LeGrand Velez, Transportation Program Manager

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2. Summarize work completed during reporting period:

During this quarter the Master Plan was refined based on feedback received from the recently held workshops, surveys (operation and maintenance costs and safety concerns) and CVAG Executive Committee direction. Specifically, the operation and maintenance cost projections were revised. In addition, there was a great deal of discussion regarding alternate routes for this project. Several of these alternative route options have been added to the Master Plan along with cost estimates. Considerable effort was made to make all the maps and tables easier to read. The revisions to the Master Plan provide an overarching look at CV Link including how it will connect our communities, the benefits of it and a review of the alternate routes.

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5. Is your project on schedule?

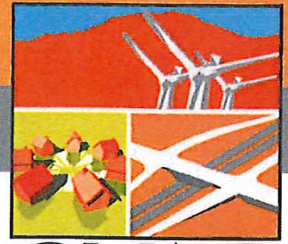
Yes, the project is on schedule. Final Master Plan documents, including the NEV Transportation Plan, were completed in 2015 with refinements being finalized in December.

4. Provide a narrative financial report on expenditures and budgeted amounts.

Master Plan development expenditures to date are approximately \$1.5 Million. Approximately another \$1 Million has been expended on engineering and environmental compliance work. No SCAQMD funds have been encumbered to date, as these are designated for construction.

5. Work planned for next reporting period.

The four volume CV Link Master Plan will be finalized, presented to the CVAG Executive Committee, and distributed. This document will finalize the various alignments that will be addressed in the environmental documents. Preliminary 30% construction documents, necessary for environmental analysis, will be reviewed and refined. Designs for amenities and landscaping will be further developed. Work on numerous technical studies in support of federal and state environmental will proceed. CVAG will continue outreach, including responding to public inquiries, giving public presentation, and correcting misinformation propagated by project opponent.



Date: June 9, 2016

DHCD Progress Report #2016-1 for the reporting period: Jan 1, 2016 to March 31, 2016

Grantee: Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)

Project Title: CV Link Project

Project Manager: LeGrand Velez, Transportation Program Manager

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2. Summarize work completed during reporting period:

During this quarter the four volume CV Link Conceptual Master Plan was completed, unanimously received by the CVAG Executive Committee, and broadly distributed. The Master Plan consists of the following parts:

- Volume 1: Conceptual Master Plan
- Volume 2: Appendices
- Volume 3: Preliminary Plan Set
- Volume 4: Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Transportation Plan

A first draft of 30% engineering plans (780 pages) has been produced and is in the process of being refined. Work on the technical studies in support of the environmental documents is proceeding. Concerns of the Coachella Valley Water District are being addressed. Coordination with Caltrans continues.

Work on the Cathedral City Bike Path along the Whitewater Channel between Vista Chino and Ramon Roads that is being built to CV Link standards by the City of Cathedral City is progressing. Engineering plans at the 60% level have been completed. A California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study / Negative Declaration has been approved by the Cathedral City City Council.

3. What challenges and opportunities have you encountered in accomplishing this portion of your Scope of Work?

In order to receive unanimous support from the CVAG Executive Committee for the CV Link Master Plan, CVAG staff met with several elected officials to address their concerns.

5. Is your project on schedule?

Yes, the project is on schedule.

4. Provide a narrative financial report on expenditures and budgeted amounts.

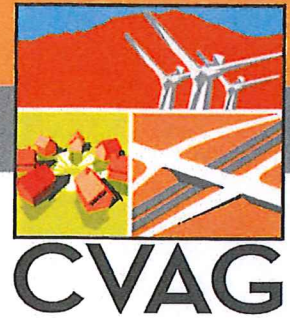
Master Plan development expenditures to date are approximately \$1.5 Million. Approximately another \$2 Million has been expended on preliminary engineering and environmental compliance work. No SCAQMD funds have been encumbered to date, as these are designated for construction. Cathedral City is contributing two Bicycle Transportation Account grants (\$645,576) toward construction of its Bike Path along the future CV Link route.

5. Work planned for next reporting period.

The work will focus on preparing studies and doing analysis of the environmental work and coordinating with agencies that will need to review various aspects of the environmental work. This will include preparation of numerous technical studies in support of federal and state environmental law. Preliminary 30% construction documents, necessary for environmental

analysis, will be reviewed and refined. Preliminary designs for amenities and landscaping will be further developed.

A Work Plan for the Cathedral City Bike Path will be developed and presented to the SCAQMD for approval.



Date: July 15, 2016

DHCD Progress Report #2016-2 for reporting period: April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016

Grantee: Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)

Project Title: CV Link Project SCAQMD Contract No: 13459

Project Manager: LeGrand Velez, Transportation Program Manager

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2. Summarize work completed during reporting period.

During this quarter design plans for the Cathedral City Bike Path along the Whitewater Channel between Vista Chino and Ramon Roads were revised to reduce costs and incorporate more CV Link design elements. A work plan for this project was submitted for SCAQMD review and was approved. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project was amended to reflect the changes to the design plans.

Refinement of the 30% engineering plans continues, including options for excluding Rancho Mirage and Indian Wells from the initial project. Coordination with the Coachella Valley Water District is on-going.

Work continues on numerous environmental technical studies. The Initial Site Assessment, which addresses hazardous materials, was submitted to Caltrans in early June.

Grant applications were prepared and submitted for the California Active Transportation (ATP) Cycle 3 Program and the Federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program. Both grants applied for approximately \$24 Million in construction funds.

3. What challenges and opportunities have you encountered in accomplishing this portion of your Scope of Work?

No significant challenges or opportunities to report.

5. Is your project on schedule?

Yes, the project is on schedule.

4. Provide a narrative financial report on expenditures and budgeted amounts.

Approximately \$3 Million has been expended on preliminary engineering and environmental compliance work under the ATP Cycle 1 grant. SCAQMD funds designated for an early action segment (\$2,495,000) were allocated for construction of the Cathedral City Bike Path. Cathedral City is contributing a Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) grant (\$450,000) toward construction of this project along the future CV Link route.

5. Work planned for next reporting period.

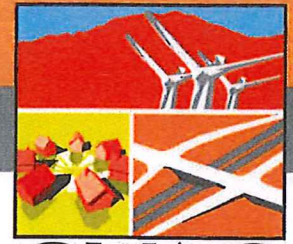
Work will focus on completing the next iteration of project design plans, and submitting numerous environmental technical studies for Caltrans review. In addition, the Cathedral City Bike Path IS/MND amendment will be approved by the City Council, bid documents will be prepared and advertised, and the cooperative agreement between Cathedral City and CVAG will be updated to reflect SCAQMD funding requirements.

Note: CVAG is scheduled to provide an update to the DHCD Board of Directors in October 2016.



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CVAG

Date: October 5, 2016

SCAQMD Progress Report #2016-3 for reporting period: July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016

Grantee: Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)

Project Title: CV Link Project

Project Manager: LeGrand Velez, Transportation Program Manager

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2. Summarize work completed during reporting period.

During this quarter Cathedral City put the construction package out to bid for the Cathedral City Bike Path along the Whitewater Channel between Vista Chino and Ramon Roads, which will be built to CV Link standards. Six bids were received and the low-bidding firm was selected for the job. The CVAG Executive Committee authorized the Executive Director to sign a revised cooperative agreement with Cathedral City that establishes the City as a "subcontractor" to CVAG and makes other minor revisions for consistency with the SCAQMD CV Link funding

agreement. The Cathedral City Council will consider the revised cooperative agreement at their meeting on October 12th.

Numerous environmental technical studies were submitted to Caltrans for review. Most have been approved but a few are still undergoing revisions. The consultant has provided portions of the draft Environmental Impact Report for CVAG review and approval. CVAG is working with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and Palm Springs to develop a Habitat Conservation Plan for the Casey's June beetle.

Refinement of the 30% engineering plans continues, including the development of logical termini options if Rancho Mirage and Indian Wells do not participate in the initial project. Coordination with the Coachella Valley Water District and Riverside County Flood Control District is on-going.

3. What challenges and opportunities have you encountered in accomplishing this portion of your Scope of Work?

Finding adequate land to mitigate for impacts to Casey's June beetle is challenging but we have an opportunity to utilize the conversion of lawn to natural conditions at Tahquitz Creek Golf Course as mitigation. Meeting tight schedules for review of technical studies has also been a challenge but fortunately Caltrans has given this project special treatment and we are staying on schedule.

5. Is your project on schedule?

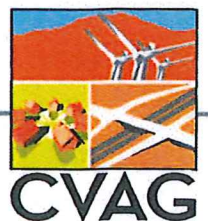
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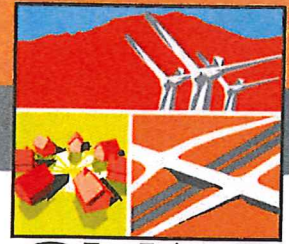
4. Provide a narrative financial report on expenditures and budgeted amounts.

Approximately \$3.5 Million has been expended on preliminary engineering and environmental compliance work under the ATP Cycle 1 grant, of which \$3.1 Million has been reimbursed. SCAQMD funds designated for an early action segment (\$2,495,000) were allocated for construction of the Cathedral City Bike Path. Cathedral City is contributing a Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) grant (\$450,000) toward construction of this project along the future CV Link route.

5. Work planned for next reporting period.

Work will focus on completing the remaining environmental technical studies, and distributing the Draft Environmental Impact Report for public comment, which is scheduled for release on November 9th. In addition, the Cathedral City Bike Path contract will be awarded and construction of the project will begin.





CVAG

Date: January 17, 2017

DHCD Progress Report #2016-4 for reporting period: October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

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Project Title: CV Link Project

Project Manager: LeGrand Velez, Transportation Program Manager

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2. Summarize work completed during reporting period.

During this quarter the Cathedral City, City Council approved a revised cooperative agreement with CVAG that establishes the City as a "subcontractor" to CVAG and makes other minor revisions for consistency with the SCAQMD CV Link funding agreement to build the Cathedral City Bike Path along the Whitewater Channel, which will be built to CV Link standards. The City also put the furnishings (shade structures, signage, benches) package for this project out to bid. Bids are due January 17th. Construction ground breaking for the Cathedral City Bike Path has been delayed by challenges obtaining easement agreements from underlying private owners

along the Whitewater Channel. The City and CVAG are working with these private entities to obtain their concurrence in order to proceed with project construction.

The CV Link Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was completed. The DEIR was distributed for public review on January 4th, with the comments period closing on February 21st. The DEIR is a 668-page document supported by 17 appendices. A disk copy was sent to the DHCD to the attention of Steve Brown. All documents are also available on the CVAG website: <http://www.cvag.org/>.

Caltrans is the CV Link lead under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Caltrans has approved all supporting technical with the exception of the cultural resources reports, which are still under review. In addition, a Habitat Conservation Plan for the Casey's June beetle has been submitted to the US Fish and Wildlife Service for review and approval. The Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) has been submitted to Caltrans for review.

Refinement of the 30% engineering plans continues, including numerous meetings with representatives of the various jurisdictions, golf course managers, the Coachella Valley Water District, and Riverside County Flood Control District.

3. What challenges and opportunities have you encountered in accomplishing this portion of your Scope of Work?

As mentioned in the previous section, obtaining easement agreements with underlying property owners of the Whitewater Channel levee has been difficult and has delayed start of construction for the Cathedral City Bike Path.

5. Is your project on schedule?

The project is on schedule with CEQA compliance, and engineering design. However, the NEPA compliance schedule is falling behind due to Caltrans' delay in approving the cultural resources documents and providing comments on the DEA.

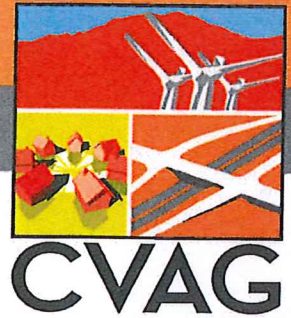
4. Provide a narrative financial report on expenditures and budgeted amounts.

Approximately \$4 Million has been expended on preliminary engineering and environmental compliance work under the ATP Cycle 1 grant. SCAQMD funds have been approved for construction of the Cathedral City Bike Path, but the start of construction has been delayed. Cathedral City is contributing a Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) grant (\$450,000) toward construction of this project along the future CV Link route.

5. Work planned for next reporting period.

Work will focus on receiving and responding to comments on the DEIR, completing the DEA, and getting construction started on the Cathedral City Bike Path.





Date: April 10, 2017

DHCD Progress Report #2017-1 for reporting period: January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017

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Project Title: CV Link Project

Project Manager: LeGrand Velez, Transportation Program Manager

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2. Summarize work completed during reporting period.

Final permits, easements, and burrowing owl surveys to begin construction of the Cathedral City Bike Path (CV Link demonstration leg) were obtained and/or scheduled. Construction is scheduled to begin on April 13, 2017.

The CV Link Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was completed. The DEIR was distributed for public review on January 4th, and the comment period closed on February 21st. The DEIR is a 668-page document supported by 17

appendices. All documents are also available on the CVAG website: <http://www.cvag.org/>. CVAG received more than 80 comments during the comment period, including a 92-page comment letter from the City of Rancho Mirage. In addition, comments were recorded at a town hall meeting hosted by the City of Palm Springs. To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, responses will be made in writing and will be distributed at least 10 days before the document is certified. The CVAG Executive Committee is scheduled to certify the EIR at a special meeting on May 15, 2017.

The Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) has been submitted to Caltrans for review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Cultural resources technical studies are in their fifth cycle of responding to comments. After approval at the local level, the must also be reviewed and approved at the State level and by impacted tribes.

Refinement of the 30% engineering plans continues, including numerous meetings with representatives of the various jurisdictions, golf course managers, the Coachella Valley Water District, and Riverside County Flood Control District.

CV Link was awarded \$5.5 Million under Cycle 3 of the State Active Transportation Program.

3. What challenges and opportunities have you encountered in accomplishing this portion of your Scope of Work?

Obtaining easement agreements with underlying property owners of the Whitewater Channel levee has been difficult and has delayed start of construction for the Cathedral City Bike Path. Only one easement remains to be finalized, but construction can begin in other sections of the project while this one is being processed.

5. Is your project on schedule?

The project is on schedule with CEQA compliance, and engineering design. However, the NEPA compliance schedule has fallen behind due to Caltrans' delay in approving the cultural resources documents and providing comments on the DEA.

4. Provide a narrative financial report on expenditures and budgeted amounts.

Approximately \$5 Million has been expended on preliminary engineering and environmental compliance work under the ATP Cycle 1 grant. SCAQMD funds have been approved for construction of the Cathedral City Bike Path, but the start of construction has been delayed. Cathedral City is contributing a Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) grant (\$450,000) toward construction of this project along the future CV Link route.

5. Work planned for next reporting period.

Certification of the project EIR. Approval by Caltrans of Cultural Resources technical studies. Major progress on construction of Cathedral City Bike Path.

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Date: November 1, 2017

DHCD Progress Report #2017-2 for reporting period: April 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017

Grantee: Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)

Project Title: CV Link Project

Project Manager/ Contact: LeGrand Velez, Transportation Program Manager (lvelez@cvag.org)
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2. Summarize work completed during reporting period.

The CVAG Executive Committee held a special meeting on May 15 to certify the CV Link Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which was completed under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The DEIR is a 668-page document supported by 17 appendices. As noted in the previous progress period, CVAG received more than 80 written comments during the DEIR public review period, including a 92-page comment letter from the City of Rancho Mirage. Each required a written response by CVAG. It was a standing-room only crowd for the special meeting,

which was held at the Palm Desert Council Chambers. Nearly 60 people spoke during the public comment portion, and the majority of speakers expressed support for the project. The CVAG Executive Committee certified the EIR and approved a project route, which is about 40 miles long and does not extend through the Cities of Rancho Mirage and Indian Wells. Because alternatives were studied through those cities, they could be included in the project later. There was no CEQA legal challenges filed after the certification.

Construction started on the CV Link demonstration leg, which is a 2.3-mile segment from Vista Chino Road in Palm Springs to Ramon Road in Cathedral City. After on-site surveying and initial groundwork by the construction crew, the first concrete was poured on June 14.

CVAG staff and consultants continue to refine the design of the rest of the route, including where the pathway will stop. The plan includes kiosks that inform CV Link users about the ways to travel through Rancho Mirage and Indian Wells on existing streets and trails.

CVAG continues to work closely with Caltrans on the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA), which is needed to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EA studies the same options that were studied in the EIR.

3. What challenges and opportunities have you encountered in accomplishing this portion of your Scope of Work?

CVAG and the City of Cathedral City had conducted outreach as plans were finalized for the first segment of CV Link. However, the start of construction raised new questions from adjacent neighborhoods, particularly homes within the Escena Palm Springs development that are closest to the path. CVAG and its partners have worked with the homeowners on screening and landscaping options that address their privacy concerns.

In another segment of the route, CVAG also worked with residents of the Four Seasons community that have properties adjacent to the Whitewater River stormwater channel. Several alignments were studied during the EIR process. CVAG worked extensively with residents there to come up with a design that temporarily puts the pathway into the wash instead of the bank, which has been seen as an acceptable design by homeowners.

4. Is your project on schedule?

The completion of the CEQA document was a major milestone for the project. However, as noted in the previous progress report, the NEPA compliance schedule has been revised due to unforeseen delays in getting approval for the cultural resources documents and working with our partners on DEA revisions.



5. Provide an update on the financial report for the project.

During its June 28-29, 2017 meeting, the California Transportation Commission accepted the Final EIR for CV Link, and allocated \$2.828 million for right-of-way acquisition. The funding was granted to CVAG in 2014, during the inaugural cycle of the state's Active Transportation Program.

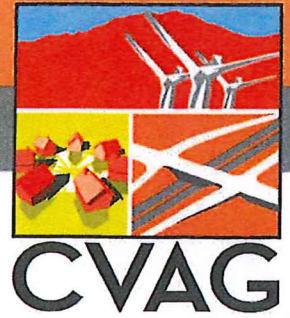
6. Work planned for next reporting period.

In the next reporting period, CVAG anticipates making major progress on construction of the Cathedral City segment of CV Link. Additionally, CVAG will be working on right-of-way activities, seeking additional funding and identifying additional segments of the pathway where construction could be expedited.



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Date: November 1, 2017

DHCD Progress Report #2017-3 for reporting period: July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017

Grantee: Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)

Project Title: CV Link Project

Project Manager/ Contact: LeGrand Velez, Transportation Program Manager (lvelez@cvag.org)
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2. Summarize work completed during reporting period.

Construction continues along the 2.3 mile stretch of CV Link between Vista Chino in Palm Springs and Ramon Road in Cathedral City. After some experimentation on how to achieve the distinctive color design, a new subcontractor was brought onto the project that has extensive experience in embedding seeded glass into concrete. CVAG is also working with the City to finalize the designs

of both the wayfinding elements and informational kiosks, which will be consistent throughout the project.

The CVAG Executive Committee on September 25, 2017 approved a cooperative agreement with the City of Palm Springs that will incorporate CV Link into the City's Tahquitz Creek Levee Reconstruction Project. Palm Springs is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to make improvements to 4,100 feet of Tahquitz Creek Levee between Demuth Park and Gene Autry Trail. When the City originally bid project, it planned to replace the existing asphalt bike path. Under the cooperative agreement, the improved path will be built to CV Link standards. CVAG will pay for the difference in cost between the original design and the CV Link design. The timeline to rebid the project will be determined by the City, but is expected to occur within the next 12 months.

CVAG also approved an agreement for right-of-way services with the County of Riverside Economic Development Agency (EDA). The county has extensive experience with right of way acquisition. The cost of the contract is covered through the Active Transportation Grant funding that was allocated by the California Transportation Commission in June 2017.

CVAG staff and consultants are working with member jurisdictions to finalize the design of the approved project route, including meeting with local stakeholders to evaluate the regional and local access points. The 90 percent plans should be completed in early 2018.

Additional progress has been made on the environmental review documents needed to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA), which studies the same options that were studied in the EIR. CVAG has incorporated comments from Caltrans, and is simultaneously working on finalizing the mitigation for impacts to the survey area for the Casey's June beetle (CJB). The beetle, which was federally listed as an endangered species in 2011, is not one of the 27 species covered by the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. As outlined in the certified CV Link Environmental Impact Report, a CJB Habitat Conservation Plan has been submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that proposes establishing conservation easements in Palm Springs.

3. What challenges and opportunities have you encountered in accomplishing this portion of your Scope of Work?

CVAG continues to engage in a robust outreach effort to address neighborhood-specific concerns. In the City of Palm Springs, there was new concerns raised by residents of the Tahquitz Creek neighborhood, primarily about how CV Link would affect existing bike-and-pedestrian access along Riverside Drive. CVAG worked with the City on modified on-street designs for that stretch and two different options for crossing Sunrise Way. The options were presented to neighboring residents in a town hall meeting that was held at a local church on September 12, 2017. The feedback from the meeting is being incorporated into the design along Riverside Drive.



4. Is your project on schedule?

CVAG is working with Caltrans to wrap up the Draft EA by early 2018, as is consistent with the revised NEPA compliance schedule. The Cathedral City segment is on schedule to finish construction in December, and a grand opening is being planned for January 2018.

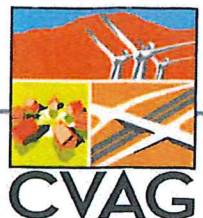
5. Provide an update on the financial report for the project.

With the passage of SB 1, the state created an ATP Augmentation Cycle, where Cycle 3 applications that were not fully funded could be re-submitted. CV Link has been recommended to receive funding by both the Riverside County Transportation Commission and by the Southern California Association of Governments. The recommendation to grant another \$5.243 million to CV Link will be voted on by the California Transportation Commission at their December meeting.

The CVAG Executive Committee has also approved a recommendation to the Riverside County Transportation Commission to include CV Link in the 2018 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding cycle. The exact amount of STIP that will be allocated to the project is still being determined.

6. Work planned for next reporting period.

In the next reporting period, CVAG anticipates wrapping construction of the Cathedral City segment of CV Link. Right-of-way acquisition and design work continues. Additionally, the DEA should be published in the Federal Register as part of NEPA compliance.





Date: January 10, 2018

DHCD Progress Report #2017-4 for reporting period: October 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

Grantee: Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)

Project Title: CV Link Project

Project Manager/ Contact: Martin Magaña, Director of Transportation (mmagana@cvag.org)

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2. Summarize work completed during reporting period.

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CVAG continues to work with the City of Palm Springs on the Tahquitz Creek Levee Reconstruction Project. Palm Springs is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to make improvements to 4,100 feet of Tahquitz Creek Levee between Demuth Park and

Gene Autry Trail. When the City originally bid the project, it planned to replace the existing asphalt bike path. Under the cooperative agreement the City of Palm Springs has with CVAG, the improved path will be built to CV Link standards. CVAG will pay for the difference in cost between the original design and the CV Link design. The timeline to rebid the project will be determined by the City but is expected to occur within the next 12 months.

CVAG also approved an agreement for right-of-way services with the County of Riverside Economic Development Agency (EDA). The county has extensive experience with right of way acquisition. The cost of the contract is covered through the Active Transportation Grant funding that was allocated by the California Transportation Commission in June 2017. CVAG continues to work with the EDA on right-of-way activities. Specific tasks include obtaining preliminary title reports and plotted easements, managing appraisals, and preparing offer packages.

CVAG staff and consultants continue to work with member jurisdictions to finalize the design of the approved project route, including meeting with local stakeholders to evaluate the regional and local access points. The ninety (90) percent plans are anticipated to be completed by Fall 2018.

Additional progress has been made on the environmental review documents needed to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA), which studies the same options that were studied in the EIR. CVAG has incorporated comments from Caltrans and is simultaneously working on finalizing the mitigation for impacts to the survey area for Casey's June Beetle (CJB). The beetle, which was federally listed as an endangered species in 2011, is not one of the 27 species covered by the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. As outlined in the certified CV Link Environmental Impact Report, a draft CJB Habitat Conservation Plan has been submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that proposes establishing restoration and conservation easements in the City of Palm Springs. USFWS is currently reviewing the Habitat Conservation Plan and CVAG is awaiting any comments that need to be addressed before finalizing the document.

3. What challenges and opportunities have you encountered in accomplishing this portion of your Scope of Work?

In the last quarterly report, there were some challenges in addressing neighborhood-specific concerns raised by residents of the Tahquitz Creek neighborhood in the City of Palm Springs about how CV Link would affect existing bike-and-pedestrian access along Riverside Drive. Since then CVAG has worked with the neighborhood has incorporated news design to address concerns raised along Riverside Drive. This presented an opportunity to finalize designs of this segment of the project as we approach the task of working on the 90% plans.



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CVAG continues to work with Caltrans and USFWS to complete the Habitat Conservation Plan related to Casey's June Beetle. Again, CVAG is awaiting comments from USFWS that need to be addressed before finalizing the document.

4. Is your project on schedule?

CVAG is working with Caltrans to complete the Draft EA (DEA) by July 2018. The Cathedral City segment was on schedule to be completed by December 2017 but there were delays due to the holidays. The project is now anticipated to be completed by January 2018 with a grand opening is being planned for February 2018.

5. Provide an update on the financial report for the project

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The CVAG Executive Committee has also approved a recommendation to the Riverside County Transportation Commission to include CV Link in the 2018 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding cycle. The exact amount of STIP that will be allocated to the project is still being determined.

6. Work planned for next reporting period.

In the next reporting period, CVAG anticipates completing construction of the Cathedral City segment of CV Link. Right-of-way acquisition and design work will continue. Additionally, the DEA is anticipated to be completed early 2018.



Date: April 10, 2018

DHCD Progress Report #2018-1 for reporting period: January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018

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2. Summarize work completed during reporting period.

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CVAG continues to work with the City of Palm Springs on the Tahquitz Creek Levee Reconstruction Project. Palm Springs is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to make improvements to 4,100 feet of Tahquitz Creek Levee between Demuth Park and Gene Autry Trail. When the City originally bid the project, it planned to replace the existing asphalt bike path. Under the cooperative agreement the City of Palm Springs has with CVAG, the improved path will be built to CV Link standards. CVAG will pay for the difference in cost between the original design and the CV Link design. The timeline to rebid the project will be determined by the City but is expected to occur before June 2018. The City is currently in the process of validating cost estimates to formally advertise for bids. It is anticipated that construction will start by Summer of 2018.

CVAG continues to work with the County of Riverside Economic Development Agency (EDA) on right-of-way services. EDA has obtained appraisals on fourteen parcels and is working with CVAG's legal counsel to draft offer packages to property owners.

CVAG staff and consultants continue to work with member jurisdictions to finalize the design of the approved project route, including meeting with local stakeholders to evaluate the regional and local access points. The ninety (90) percent plans are anticipated to be completed by Fall 2018.

Additional progress has been made on the environmental review documents needed to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA), which studies the same options that were studied in the EIR. CVAG has incorporated comments from Caltrans and is simultaneously working on finalizing the mitigation for impacts to the survey area for Casey's June Beetle (CJB). The beetle, which was federally listed as an endangered species in 2011, is not one of the 27 species covered by the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. As outlined in the certified CV Link Environmental Impact Report, a draft CJB Habitat Conservation Plan was submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for review that proposes establishing restoration and conservation easements in the City of Palm Springs. USFWS has provided comments on the document and CVAG is making revisions to address USFWS concerns. Once the document is finalized it is anticipated the USFWS will issue a favorable Biological Opinion related to the CJB.

CVAG is working with the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) and Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (RCFC&WCD) to address maintenance of the path after construction. Much of the right-of-way for CV Link is associated with property owned or controlled by CVWD or RCFC&WCD. Both agencies have worked closely with CVAG in the planning of CV Link and have pledged to help ensure related right-of-way and maintenance issues are properly addressed. CVAG is drafting maintenance agreements for review by CVWD or RCFC&WCD to prepare ahead of future CV Link construction.



3. What challenges and opportunities have you encountered in accomplishing this portion of your Scope of Work?

The acquisition of right-of-way has presented some challenges as it relates to the timely use of allocated funds. In June 2017, the California Transportation Commission allocated CVAG approximately \$2.8 million for early acquisition of right-of-way with a deadline to use the funds by June 2019. CVAG can request from CTC a one-time extension of these funds to February 2021, which will give CVAG additional time to acquire the right-of-way needed for CV Link. CV Link is not a typical transportation project such as a grade separation or interchange where all of the right-of-way is acquired prior to the start of construction. CV Link is envisioned to be constructed in multiple phases depending on the amount of right-of-way acquired. Not all of the required right-of-way may be acquired in the conventional manner, such as in-fee. Instead, much of the right-of-way may involve easements or License Agreements. CVAG is working with Caltrans to undertake this approach.

CVAG is close to finalizing the Habitat Conservation Plan related to Casey's June Beetle. It is anticipated that the CJB Habitat Conservation Plan will be completed by June 2018.

4. Is your project on schedule?

In the last quarterly update, it was mentioned that the Cathedral City segment was on schedule to be completed by December 2017 but there were delays due to the holidays. It was anticipated that this segment would be completed by January 2018 with a grand opening is being planned for February 2018. This was accomplished. The Cathedral City segment was completed in January 2018 and a grand opening was held in February 2018. The grand opening was well attended by many dignitaries, various media outlets and supporters of CV Link. It is currently being used daily and is a testament to the project's vision of providing a multi-modal transportation project for use by bicyclists, pedestrians and electric vehicles.

CVAG continues to work with Caltrans to finalize the EA by July 2018, as scheduled. Once the EA is finalized, CVAG will move forward with final design of CV Link and then complete construction and specifications documents for bidding late this year.

5. Provide an update on the financial report for the project

At their December 2017 meeting, the California Transportation Commission approved a grant funding request for CV Link through the ATP Augmentation in the amount of \$5.243 million.

The CVAG Executive Committee has also approved a recommendation to the Riverside County Transportation Commission to include CV Link in the 2018 State Transportation Improvement



Program (STIP) funding cycle. The exact amount of STIP that will be allocated to the project is still being determined.

6. Work planned for next reporting period.

In the next reporting period, CVAG anticipates the start of construction of a 4,100 lineal foot segment of CV Link in the City of Palm Springs along the top of the Tahquitz Creek Levee between Demuth Park and Gene Autry Trail. It is anticipated that construction will start by July 2018.

CVAG will continue to work with Cathedral City on completing the punch list of outstanding items on the 2.3-mile CV Link segment in the cities of Cathedral City and Palm Springs.

CVAG will continue to work with USFWS on the Habitat Conservation Plan for the Casey June Beetle Habitat Conservation Plan to obtain favorable Biological Opinion on the endangered species. CVAG will also continue to work with Caltrans to complete the EA for CV Link so that final design, construction documents and specifications can be prepared for bidding.



Date: July 10, 2018

DHCD Progress Report #2018-2 for reporting period: April 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018

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2. Summarize work completed during reporting period.

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CVAG is working with Cathedral City staff to complete a punch list of items on the path. One of the items to be addressed in the construction of fencing around a well site adjacent to the CV Link path near Ramon Road in Cathedral City. The material is scheduled to be delivered in August and installed in September 2018.

In the last quarterly report, it was mentioned that the City of Palm Springs was going to rebid the Tahquitz Creek Levee Reconstruction Project to change the path from its original design to meet CV Link standards. CVAG will pay for the difference in cost between the original design and the CV Link design. The City rebid the project and the City Council awarded a construction contract to Spiess Construction in May 2018. The City held a pre-construction meeting in June 2018 and it is anticipated that construction will start by the end of July 2018.

CVAG continues to work with the County of Riverside Economic Development Agency (EDA) on right-of-way services. EDA has obtained two additional appraisals on thirty-five parcels and is working with CVAG's legal counsel to draft offer packages to property owners. It is anticipated that the CVAG Executive Committee will approve these appraisals in the Fall 2018, and then EDA can make formal offers to property owners for right-of-way acquisition.

CVAG staff and consultants continue to work with member jurisdictions, especially Palm Desert and Palm Springs, to finalize the design of the approved project route, including meeting with local stakeholders to evaluate the regional and local access points. The 90 percent plans are anticipated to be completed in 2018.

Additional progress has been made on the environmental review documents needed to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA), which studies the same options that were studied in the EIR. CVAG has incorporated comments from Caltrans and is simultaneously working on finalizing the mitigation for impacts to the survey area for Casey's June Beetle (CJB). The beetle, which was federally listed as an endangered species in 2011, is not one of the 27 species covered by the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. As outlined in the certified CV Link Environmental Impact Report, a CJB Habitat Conservation Plan has been submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that proposes establishing restoration and conservation easements in the City of Palm Springs. USFWS has reviewed the Habitat Conservation Plan and provided comments to CVAG. CVAG has addressed USFWS's concerns. The USFWS has issued a favorable Biological Opinion related to Casey's June Beetle on CV Link.



3. What challenges and opportunities have you encountered in accomplishing this portion of your Scope of Work?

The acquisition of right-of-way continues to be challenging but CVAG and EDA continue to work on appraisals and in preparing offer packages in the event that the CVAG Executive Committee approves the appraisals and authorizes the release of formal offers to property owners for the acquisition of right-of-way for CV Link. CVAG anticipates requesting an extension on the right-of-way funds from the California Transportation Committee in late 2018 or early 2019, which will give CVAG additional time to acquire the right-of-way needed for CV Link.

CVAG continues to work with Caltrans to complete the Environmental Assessment (EA) for CV Link now that the USFWS has issued a favorable Biological Opinion related to Casey's June Beetle. Once the EA is finalized, CVAG can move forward with finalizing design for CV Link and then complete construction documents and specifications for bidding later this year.

4. Is your project on schedule?

As mentioned above, CVAG continues to work with Caltrans to finalize the EA by July 2018, as scheduled. Once the EA is finalized, CVAG will move forward with final design of CV Link and then complete construction and specifications documents for bidding late this year.

Right-of-way activities continue, as scheduled, as additional appraisals are prepared. Once appraisals are approved by the CVAG Executive Committee offer packages can be released to property owners to acquire the right-of-way for CV Link construction.

5. Provide an update on the financial report for the project

Back in December 2017, the California Transportation Commission approved a grant funding request for CV Link through the ATP Augmentation in the amount of \$5.243 million.

The CVAG Executive Committee has also approved a recommendation to the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) to include CV Link in the 2018 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding cycle. RCTC made a recommendation to the CTC to allocate \$16.655 million in STIP funds for CV Link construction. To date, CVAG has received a little over \$100 million in finding for CV Link.

6. Work planned for next reporting period.

In the next reporting period, CVAG anticipates near completion of the 4,100 lineal foot segment of CV Link in the City of Palm Springs along the top of the Tahquitz Creek Levee between Demuth



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Park and Gene Autry Trail.

CVAG will continue to work with Cathedral City on completing the punch list of outstanding items on the 2.3-mile CV Link segment in the cities of Cathedral City and Palm Springs in September 2018.

CVAG will work with Caltrans on completion of the EA for CV Link and complete final design, construction documents and specifications for bidding in late 2018.



Date: October 10, 2018

DHCD Progress Report #2018-3 for reporting period: July 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018

Grantee: Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)

Project Title: CV Link Project

Project Manager/ Contact: Martin Magaña, Director of Transportation (mmagana@cvag.org)

1. Provide a brief summary of the organization and the objectives of the project.

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2. Summarize work completed during reporting period.

Construction is ninety-five percent complete on the 2.3 mile stretch of CV Link between Vista Chino in Palm Springs and Ramon Road in Cathedral City. All furnishings (shade structures, benches, trash cans, water fountains and landscaping) have been installed.



CVAG continues to work with Cathedral City staff to complete a punch list of items on the path. One of the biggest items is the construction of fencing around a well site adjacent to the CV Link path near Ramon Road in Cathedral City. The material was scheduled to be delivered in August and installed in September 2018. However, the manufacturer was late in meeting the delivery schedule due to a shortage of fencing material, so the delivery date was pushed back. The fencing material was delivered in early October 2018 and is currently being installed. Once the fence is constructed, a final walk through will take place

In the last quarterly report, it was mentioned that the City of Palm Springs was going to rebid the Tahquitz Creek Levee Reconstruction Project to change the path from its original design of asphalt to meet CV Link standards. CVAG agreed to pay for the difference in cost between the original design and the CV Link design. The City rebid the project and the City Council awarded a construction contract to Spiess Construction in May 2018. The City held a pre-construction meeting in June 2018 and it was anticipated that construction would start by the end of July 2018. However, due to construction scheduling conflicts and operations related to Tahquitz Creek Golf Course, construction started in late August 2018. The path in this area is approximately 50% complete and is anticipated to be completed in November 2018.

CVAG continues to work with the County of Riverside Economic Development Agency (EDA) on right-of-way services. In the last quarterly report, it was reported that EDA had obtained appraisals and was with CVAG's legal counsel to draft offer packages to property owners. On September 24, 2018, CVAG's Executive Committee authorized the Executive Director to be delegated as the official representative to take any and all actions required, pursuant to federal and state law, to complete the Right-of-Way acquisition process and license agreement process for construction for CV Link. The Executive Director was also authorized to spend up to \$50,000 for expenditures related to Right-of-Way and construction activities for CV Link. Since then, EDA has sent out offer packages to property owners for right-of-way acquisition. EDA is awaiting responses to the offer packages. It is anticipated that by the next progress report, substantial Right-of-Way will be acquired in hope to record easements and pursue construction of CV Link.

CVAG staff and consultants continue to work with member jurisdictions, especially Palm Desert and Palm Springs, to finalize the design of the approved project route, including meeting with local stakeholders to evaluate the regional and local access points. The 100% plans are anticipated to be completed by late 2018.



In the last quarterly report, it was mentioned that the additional progress had been made on the environmental review documents needed to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). CVAG has been working with Caltrans to finalize the NEPA document. In late July 2018, Caltrans approved the NEPA document which allows CVAG to proceed and complete final design and complete construction documents and specifications for construction bidding of CV Link. Part of finalizing the NEPA document entailed finalizing the mitigation for impacts to the survey area for Casey's June Beetle (CJB). The beetle, which is federally listed as an endangered species is not one of the twenty-seven (27) species covered by the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. As outlined in the certified CV Link Environmental Impact Report, a CJB Habitat Conservation Plan has been submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) that proposes establishing restoration and conservation easements in the City of Palm Springs. USFWS has reviewed the Habitat Conservation Plan and provided comments to CVAG. CVAG has addressed USFW's concerns. The USFWS has issued a favorable Biological Opinion related to Casey's June Beetle on CV Link. In addition, a Federal Register Notice was published by the USFWS on the Habitat Conservation Plan for CJB and no comments were received. CVAG is working with USFWS to complete the process.

3. What challenges and opportunities have you encountered in accomplishing this portion of your Scope of Work?

The acquisition of Right-of-Way continues to be challenging due to multiple property owners (private, public and tribal) but CVAG and EDA continue to work on additional appraisals and in preparing offer packages since the CVAG Executive Committee approved the appraisals and authorized the Executive Director to send out offer packages to property owners for the acquisition of Right-of-Way for CV Link. As part of the action taken on September 24, 2018, the license agreements for property owned and operated by the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) and Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFC&WCD) were also approved. It is anticipated that CVWD and RCFC&WCD will take these license agreements to their respective boards for approval by the end of October 2018. This will be a major milestone in that it will provide a significant amount of Right-of-Way for construction of CV Link. It is anticipated that significant Right-of-Way will be acquired by early 2019 and CVAG will not have to request an extension on the Right-of-Way funds and instead, request an allocation for construction funds from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in the Spring of 2019.

4. Is your project on schedule?

There was a delay in the schedule due to Caltrans' process in approving the NEPA document. As mentioned above, now that the NEPA document has been approved by Caltrans, this presents another major milestone in that CVAG can proceed with final design of CV Link and complete construction and specifications documents for construction bidding.



Right-of-way activities continue, as scheduled, as additional appraisals are prepared. Offer packages will continue to be sent out to property owners to acquire the Right-of-Way for CV Link construction.

5. Provide an update on the financial report for the project.

CVAG has received funding from various sources related to CV Link (Strategic Growth Council, Riverside County Parks Department, ATP, SB1, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Congestion Air Quality & Management, Desert Healthcare District, State Transportation Improvement Program, State Bicycle Transportation account, CVAG). To date, CVAG has received approximately \$100 million in funding for CV Link. To date, CVAG has received approximately \$100 million in funding for CV Link.

6. Work planned for next reporting period.

In the next reporting period, CVAG anticipates near completion of the 4,100 lineal foot segment of CV Link in the City of Palm Springs along the top of the Tahquitz Creek Levee between Demuth Park and Gene Autry Trail.

CVAG will continue to work with Cathedral City on completing the punch list of outstanding items on the 2.3-mile CV Link segment in the cities of Cathedral City and Palm Springs by late 2018.

CVAG will continue to send out offer packages and acquire the necessary Right-of-Way for CV Link. In addition, CVAG will continue to work with Alta Planning & Design to complete final design, construction documents and specifications for bidding of CV Link in early 2019.



Date: January 10, 2019

DHCD Progress Report #2018-4 for reporting period: October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

Grantee: Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)

Project Title: CV Link Project

Project Manager/ Contact: Martin Magaña, Director of Transportation (mmagana@cvag.org)

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2. Summarize work completed during reporting period.

Construction is one-hundred percent complete on the 2.3 mile stretch of CV Link between Vista Chino in Palm Springs and Ramon Road in Cathedral City. All furnishings (shade structures, benches, trash cans, water fountains and landscaping) have been installed.



CVAG is working with Cathedral City staff to close out the project. In the last quarterly report, it was mentioned that the manufacturer was late in meeting the delivery schedule for construction of fencing around a well site adjacent to the CV Link path near Ramon Road in Cathedral City. This has now been completed.

Also, in the last quarterly report, it was mentioned that the City of Palm Springs was going to rebid the Tahquitz Creek Levee Reconstruction Project to change the path from its original design of asphalt to meet CV Link standards. CVAG agreed to pay for the difference in cost between the original design and the CV Link design. The City rebid the project and the City Council awarded a construction contract to Spiess Construction in May 2018. The City held a pre-construction meeting in June 2018 and anticipated starting construction starting by the end of July 2018. However, due to construction scheduling conflicts and operations related to Tahquitz Creek Golf Course, construction started in late August 2018. The path in this area is approximately 95% complete and is anticipated to be completed by early 2019.

CVAG continues to work with the County of Riverside Economic Development Agency (EDA) on right-of-way services. EDA continues to obtain appraisals and has sent out multiple offer packages to property owners to acquire Right-of-Way. In October 2018 CVAG received approval from Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) on the License Agreement for CV Link. In addition, in November 2018, CVAG also received approval from Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation (RCFC&WCD) on the License Agreement for CV Link. This allows CV Link to be constructed on their properties, which a majority of it is on the levees of the flood channels. Final design continues in the cities of Palm Desert and Palm Springs. Due to some revisions requested from the jurisdictions, 100% plans are anticipated to be completed by early 2019.

In late 2018, CVAG worked with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to complete the process for the Casey's June Beetle Habitat Conservation Plan related to a favorable Biological Opinion.

3. What challenges and opportunities have you encountered in accomplishing this portion of your Scope of Work?

The acquisition of Right-of-Way continues to be challenging due to multiple property owners (private, public and tribal). As mentioned above, CVAG received approval of the license agreements from Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation (RCFC&WCD) in October 2018 and November 201, respectively. This is a major milestone in that it provides a significant amount of Right-of-Way for construction of CV Link. CVAG continue to work with EDA to complete appraisals and send offer packages out. It is still anticipated that significant Right-of-Way will be acquired by early 2019.



4. Is your project on schedule?

In the last quarter, it was reported that there was a delay in the schedule due to Caltrans' process in approving the NEPA document. Now that the NEPA document has been approved, CVAG is completing final design and construction and specifications documents of CV Link for construction bidding.

Right-of-way activities continue, as scheduled, as additional appraisals are prepared. Offer packages will continue to be sent out to property owners to acquire the Right-of-Way for CV Link construction.

5. Provide an update on the financial report for the project.

CVAG has received funding from various sources related to CV Link [Strategic Growth Council (SGC), Riverside County Parks Department (RivCoParks), Active Transportation Program (ATP), SB1, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Congestion Management Air Quality (CMAQ), Desert Healthcare District (DHCD), State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), State Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA), CVAG]. To date, approximately \$100 million in funding for CV Link has been received. Expenditures to date for specific funds include the following:

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
ATP/PAED	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$0
CMAQ/PAED	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$0
CMAQ/PS&E	\$1,100,000	\$137,000	\$963,000
ATP Right-of-Way	\$2,828,000	\$211,000	\$2,617,000
SCAQMD	\$16,400,000	\$2,750,988.23	\$13,649,012

6. Work planned for next reporting period.

In the next reporting period, CVAG anticipates that the 4,100 lineal foot segment of CV Link in the City of Palm Springs along the top of the Tahquitz Creek Levee between Demuth Park and Gene Autry Trail will be completed.

CVAG is finalizing the punch list of outstanding items on the 2.3-mile CV Link segment in the cities of Cathedral City and Palm Springs. This was anticipated to be completed by late 2018 but due some delays on behalf of the contractor it will now be completed in early 2019.

CVAG will continue to send out offer packages and acquire additional Right-of-Way for CV Link and work with the design consultant to complete final design, construction documents and specifications for bidding in 2019.



Date: April 10, 2019

DHCD Progress Report #2019-1 for reporting period: January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019

Grantee: Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)

Project Title: CV Link Project

Project Manager/ Contact: Martin Magaña, Director of Transportation (mmagana@cvag.org)

1. Provide a brief summary of the organization and the objectives of the project.

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2. Summarize work completed during reporting period.

CVAG continues to work with Cathedral City staff to close out the first 2.3-mile segment of CV Link between Vista Chino in Palm Springs and Ramon Road in Cathedral City.

Also, in the last quarterly report, it was mentioned that the City of Palm Springs anticipated starting construction on about a 4,100-foot-long stretch of CV Link along Tahquitz Creek in late August



2018. It was anticipated that the project would be completed in early 2019. Construction has been completed and CVAG is working with City staff to close out the project.

CVAG continues to work with the County of Riverside Economic Development Agency (EDA) on right-of-way services. EDA has obtained appraisals and continues to send out multiple offer packages to property owners to acquire Right-of-Way. Responses from some property owners have been difficult to obtain, delaying the Right-of-Way acquisition process. CVAG has approved License Agreements from Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) and Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation (RCFC&WCD) for CV Link. Final design of CV Link continues in the cities of Palm Desert and Palm Springs. It is anticipated that final plans will be completed by June 2019.

3. What challenges and opportunities have you encountered in accomplishing this portion of your Scope of Work?

The acquisition of Right-of-Way continues to be challenging due to multiple property owners (private, public and tribal). As mentioned above, offer packages have been sent out to property owners but few have responded. Some are absentee owners. Multiple attempts have been made and CVAG continues to attempt to contact property owners.

In addition, our funding that was allocated to CVAG for Right-of-Way activities was set to expire in June 2019. However, due to the challenges of not acquiring all the necessary Right-of-Way, CVAG had to request an extension of time from the California Transportation Commission (CTC). CVAG requested a time extension on the Right-of-Way funds from the CTC and received approval of a one-year extension to June 2020. CVAG will continue to work with property owners to acquire the necessary Right-of-Way for CV Link.

Also, CVAG was supposed to receive an allocation of Active Transportation Program (ATP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds by June 2019 for construction of CV Link. However, due to the challenges of obtaining the necessary Right-of-Way, CVAG has requested a time extension for these funds as well from the CTC. This is expected to be approved by the CTC in May 2019. CVAG will provide an update on this on the next quarterly report.

4. Is your project on schedule?

In the last quarter, it was reported that there was a delay in the schedule due to Caltrans' process in approving the NEPA document, the project has been delayed in moving on to the next stage, which is obtaining Right-of-Way. Now that the NEPA document has been approved, CVAG continues to work on Right-of-Way activities and completing final design, construction and specifications for CV Link in order to get to construction bidding.



A revised project schedule provides for 100% plans to be completed by June 2019. CVAG will then release a Request for Proposals to hire a Construction Management firm to assist CVAG in all the pre-construction activities required prior to going out to bid.

5. Provide an update on the financial report for the project.

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ATP Right-of-Way	\$2,828,000	\$403,025	\$2,424,975
SCAQMD	\$17,400,000	\$3,202,121	\$14,197,879

6. Work planned for next reporting period.

In the next reporting period, CVAG anticipates releasing a Request for Proposals to hire a Construction Management firm to assist CVAG in all the pre-construction activities required prior to going out to bid.

CVAG hopes to finalize the punch list of outstanding items on the 2.3-mile CV Link segment in the cities of Cathedral City and Palm Springs and the 4,100-foot-long segment in Palm Springs.

CVAG will continue to acquire additional Right-of-Way for CV Link and work with the design consultant to complete final design, construction and specifications for bidding.



Date: July 10, 2019

DHCD Progress Report #2019-2 for reporting period: April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019

Grantee: Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)

Project Title: CV Link Project

Project Manager/ Contact: Martin Magaña, Director of Transportation (mmagana@cvag.org)

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2. Summarize work completed during reporting period.

Significant progress has been made on the project in this quarter. The design phase reached a major milestone on June 28, 2018, when draft plans for the entire CV Link route were finalized. The draft plans are now out for review by various partner agencies, including Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD), Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (RCFC&WCD) and local jurisdictions. Based on the feedback, CVAG anticipates finalizing the entire design in the next quarter.



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As mentioned in previous reports, CVAG is working with the County of Riverside's Economic Development Agency (EDA) on right-of-way activities. This process involves securing easements, license agreements and some property purchasing. In this quarter, a number of easements were acquired, including ones from Desert Sands Unified School District (DSUSD) and the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission. CVAG and EDA continue to work multiple property owners, including tribal allottees, to acquire the necessary right of way for CV Link. The process of negotiating with tribal allottees also involves the Bureau of Indian Affairs, making this a lengthy process.

On smaller bike and pedestrian projects, an agency would wait until all right-of-way is secured before beginning construction. However, the length and scale of CV Link supports a segmented approach. In May 2019, CVAG received approval from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to segment CV Link in order to deliver large percentages of the project as soon as each segment's right-of-way is certified, rather than hold the entire project up while CVAG works through the process of securing access on tribal allottee parcels. Each of these segments and sub-segments have logical termini/connections. This segmenting means the project benefits can be realized sooner rather than later.

Additionally, during this reporting period, CVAG is working with the cities of Palm Springs and Cathedral City to close out the final paperwork for the nearly 3.5 miles of pathway that have been built. A notice of completion was issued in April 2019 for the first segment of CV Link between Vista Chino in Palm Springs and Ramon Road in Cathedral City. Construction is also complete on a 4,100-foot-long stretch of CV Link along Tahquitz Creek near Demuth Park. It is anticipated that the City of Palm Springs will issue a Notice of Completion in the third quarter of this year.

3. What challenges and opportunities have you encountered in accomplishing this portion of your Scope of Work?

While progress is being made, the acquisition of right of way continues to be a lengthy process. This is due, in large part, to the sheer number of private property owners and tribal allottees who need to be contacted. As mentioned above, offer packages have been sent out to all property owners, but there are cases where CVAG is awaiting any response. Multiple attempts have been made, and CVAG and EDA continue to work through this process.

This project has a number of project partners, including the CTC. The above-mentioned votes to segment the process gave CVAG an opportunity to update the schedule and the State worked closely with CVAG to coordinate the timing of when Active Transportation Program (ATP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds will be allocated.



4. Is your project on schedule?

The CV Link project schedule has been revised over the years to adjust to changes in the project. Additional work was done in the Cities of Rancho Mirage and Indian Wells, most notably by proposing multiple alternatives to the routes in those cities and trying to find a compromise with city officials. This meant it took longer for CVAG to finalize the Master Plan and, also added time to the environmental review as those alternatives were analyzed to state and federal environmental standards. The CTC vote in May 2019 provided an opportunity to review the schedule, and CVAG is confident in the segmenting approved by the state earlier this year.

5. Provide an update on the financial report for the project.

CVAG has received funding from an array of sources, which is reflective of the broad support the project has. Funding received to date:

- State Active Transportation Program: \$21,692,000
- CVAG Transportation Funds: \$20,000,000
- State Transportation Improvement Program: \$18,655,000
- South Coast Air Quality Mitigation District: \$17,400,000
- Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality: \$12,600,000
- Desert Healthcare District: \$10,000,000
- California Strategic Growth Council: \$1,000,000
- Riverside County Parks: \$750,000
- Bicycle Transportation Account Grant: \$748,500 (secured with Cathedral City)
- Caltrans Environmental Justice Grant: \$291,000 (secured with Palm Desert)

6. Work planned for next reporting period.

In the next reporting period, CVAG anticipates:

1. Continuing to acquire additional right of way for CV Link.
2. Releasing a Request for Proposals to hire a Construction Management firm to assist CVAG in all the pre-construction activities required prior to going out to bid.
3. Closing out the 4,100-foot-long segment of CV Link in the City of Palm Springs.

Additionally, CVAG is in the process of finalizing construction plans with state and regional partners. Initially, CVAG expected the next segment to be about seven miles in length. But thanks in large part to partnerships with CVWD and RCFC&WCD, CVAG has revised the



plans and now is expecting the next phase will include about 15 miles of CV Link. Construction should start in 2020, making it the project's biggest year yet. The plan is to have multiple construction sites at the same time, but the exact timeline and completion date will be worked out once CVAG hires a contractor.

The Desert Sun recently profiled the project and the future construction schedule. The story can be found here: <https://www.desertsun.com/story/news/local/2019/06/21/15-more-miles-cv-link-expected-in-2020-in-coachella-valley/1384643001/>



Date: October 28, 2019

DHCD Progress Report #2019-3 for reporting period: July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019

Grantee: Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)

Project Title: CV Link Project

Project Manager/ Contact: Martin Magaña, Director of Transportation (mmagana@cvag.org)

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2. Summarize work completed during reporting period.

The finalizing the design plans continues. CVAG is currently updating the segmenting based on the feedback from its statewide partners. CVAG also is incorporating feedback from various partner agencies, including Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD), Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (RCFC&WCD) and local jurisdictions.



CVAG continues to work with the County of Riverside's Economic Development Agency (EDA) on right-of-way activities. This process involves securing easements, license agreements and some property purchasing. In this quarter, a number of additional easements were acquired, including ones from private landowners (Extra Space properties, Howard properties) and public landowners (City of Palm Springs, Desert Water Agency). CVAG and EDA continue to work with multiple property owners, including tribal allottees, to acquire the necessary right of way for CV Link. The process of negotiating with tribal allottees also involves the Bureau of Indian Affairs, making this a lengthy process.

On smaller bike and pedestrian projects, an agency would wait until all right-of-way is secured before beginning construction. However, the length and scale of CV Link supports a segmented approach. In May 2019, CVAG received approval from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to segment CV Link in order to deliver large percentages of the project as soon as each segment's right-of-way is certified, rather than hold the entire project up while CVAG works through the process of securing access on tribal allottee parcels. Each of these segments and sub-segments have logical termini/connections. This segmenting means the project benefits can be realized sooner rather than later.

Perhaps the most significant progress occurred as it pertains to the work in the City of Palm Desert. The City has been anxious to get construction started as the Council strongly believes in the public health and public safety benefits of the project. In September, the CVAG Executive Committee and the City of Palm Desert City Council took a number of steps to finalize the route in the City and establish a construction schedule. This includes a cooperative agreement that lets the City be the lead agency on construction. It also included additional environmental work and modification of the CV Link design, which further improves accessibility to CV Link.

These approvals came after a series of public meetings and an opportunity to incorporate feedback from the community. A recap can be found at the City's website: https://cityofpalmdesert.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=&event_id=313&meta_id=79500

Additionally, during this reporting period, CVAG has worked with the City of Palm Springs to close out the final paperwork for a 4,100-foot-long stretch of CV Link that has been built on the Tahquitz Creek Levee adjacent to Demuth Park.

3. What challenges and opportunities have you encountered in accomplishing this portion of your Scope of Work?

As was reported in the last progress report, while progress is being made, the acquisition of right of way continues to be a lengthy process. This is due, in large part, to the sheer number



of private property owners and tribal allottees who need to be contacted to negotiate the required easements for CV Link. As mentioned above, offer packages have been sent out to all property owners, but there are cases where CVAG is still awaiting responses. Multiple attempts have been made, and CVAG and EDA continue to work through this process.

CVAG has also faced a very public challenge as it pertains to the certainty and timing of CV Link's funding plan. Comments made and information presented at the Desert Healthcare District during meetings in September have raised questions in the press about whether the District plans to reconsider its \$10 million commitment, which was finalized in 2013 and is the subject of a Memorandum of Understanding between CVAG and the District. Per the District's request, CVAG has provided literally hundreds of pages of documentation about the work that has been conducted under the MOU. The comments from the District – which have been repeated in multiple media outlets – are of deep concern to CVAG and can have a dramatic impact on the 2020 construction plans. As such, CVAG has notified the City of Palm Desert that the City cannot start construction until the funding issues associated with the Desert Healthcare District have been addressed a grant contract is finalized. (A copy of the letter was earlier provided to the District) Per the City's request, the Palm Desert section is being funded with local funding, and not any state or federal funds. This, coupled with the fact that the City was going to be the next to break ground, makes the Palm Desert segment particularly susceptible to any funding disruptions or delays. Unfortunately, should a grant contract not be finalized with the District swiftly, CVAG may have to cancel part or all of the project within City limits.

4. Is your project on schedule?

The CV Link project schedule has been revised over the years to adjust to changes in the project which meant it took longer for CVAG to finalize the Master Plan and, also added time to the environmental review as alternatives were analyzed to state and federal environmental standards. The CTC vote in May 2019 of last quarter gave CVAG the opportunity to review the schedule. It is anticipated that CVAG will release a request for proposals this quarter to hire a construction manager. The construction manager will be tasked in the final quarter to work with CVAG to prepare the project to go out to bid to start construction next year.

5. Provide an update on the financial report for the project.

CVAG has received funding from an array of sources, which is reflective of the broad support the project has. Funding to date:

State Active Transportation Program: \$21,692,000

CVAG Transportation Funds: \$20,000,000

State Transportation Improvement Program: \$18,655,000



South Coast Air Quality Mitigation District: \$17,400,000
Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality: \$12,600,000
Desert Healthcare District: \$10,000,000
California Strategic Growth Council: \$1,000,000
Riverside County Parks: \$750,000
Bicycle Transportation Account Grant: \$748,500 (secured with Cathedral City)
Caltrans Environmental Justice Grant: \$291,000 (secured with Palm Desert)

6. Work planned for next reporting period.

In the next reporting period, CVAG anticipates the following milestones:

1. Finalize a grant contract with DHCD that outlines the payment schedule for the \$10 million that the DHCD committed to the project.
2. Acquire additional right of way for CV Link.
3. Hire a Construction Management firm to assist CVAG in all the pre-construction activities required prior to going out to bid.
4. Possibly obtain an allocation of construction funds from the CTC to start construction.

CVAG anticipates the next phase will include about 15 miles of CV Link. Construction should start in 2020, making it the project's biggest year yet. The plan is to have multiple construction sites at the same time, but the exact timeline and completion date will be worked out once CVAG hires a contractor. However, this plan is largely dependent on finalizing a grant contract with the DHCD.

As always, CVAG welcomes input on any of these issues, as your feedback as a participatory partner in the project is important to our progress and the finalization of the design, right of way and construction of CV Link.

Connecting the Coachella Valley with CV Link



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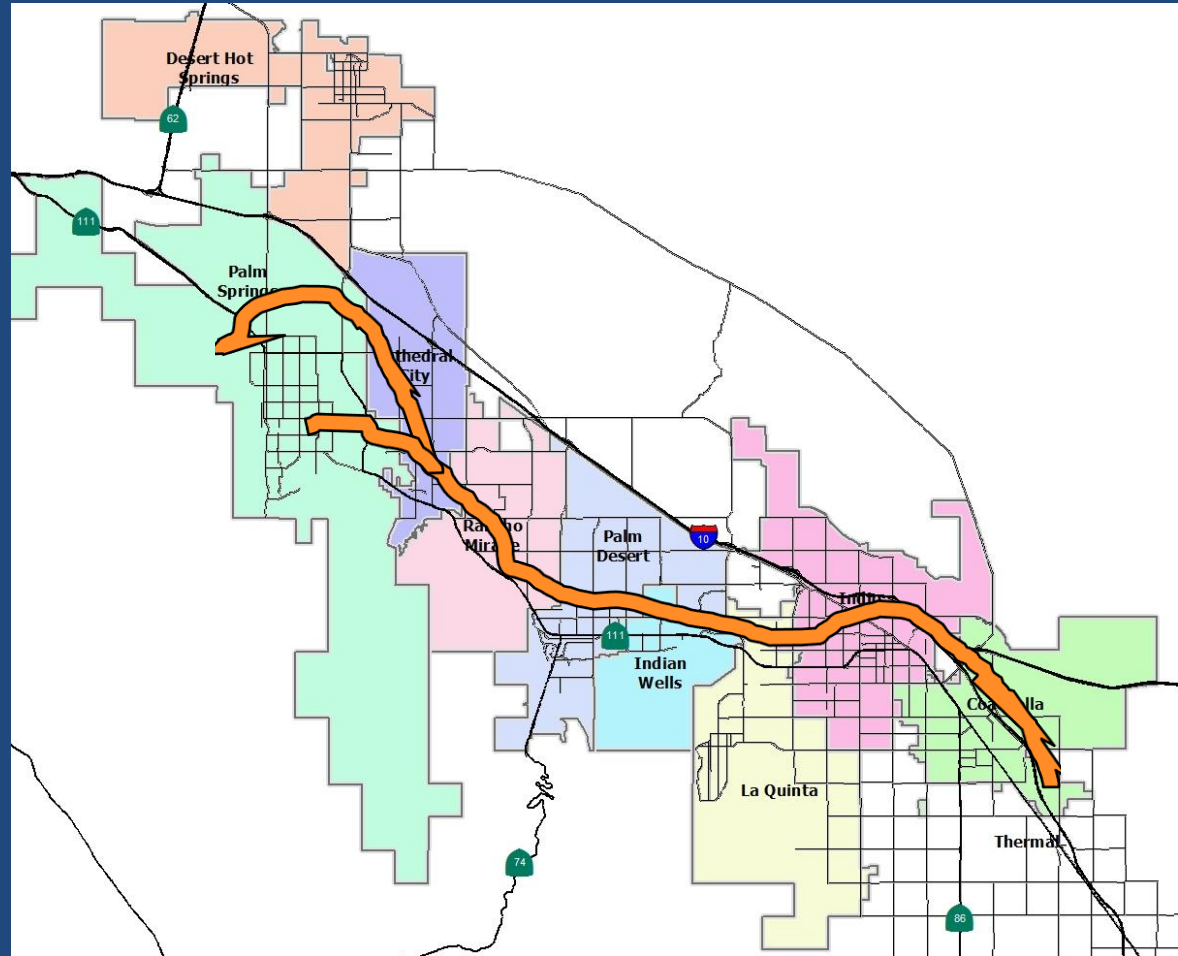
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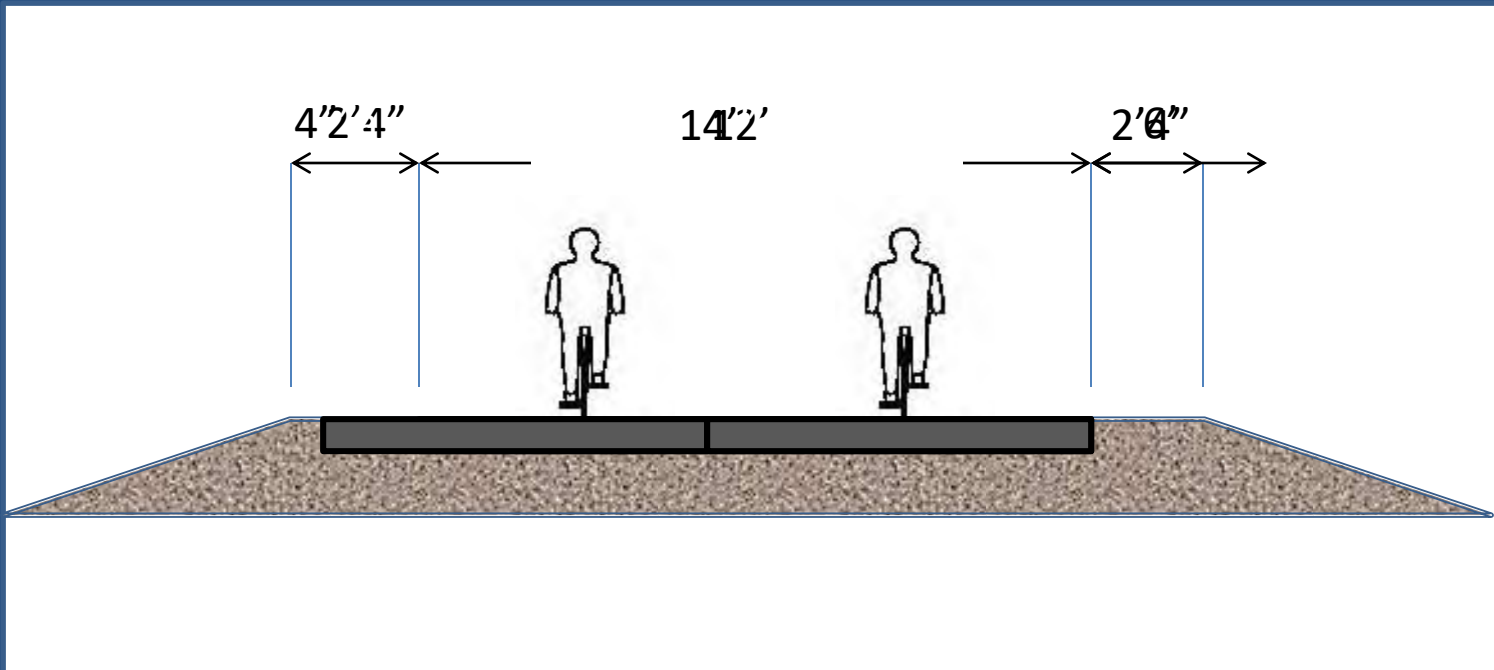
- 30+ Years
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What if it was more than a bike trail?



What if?



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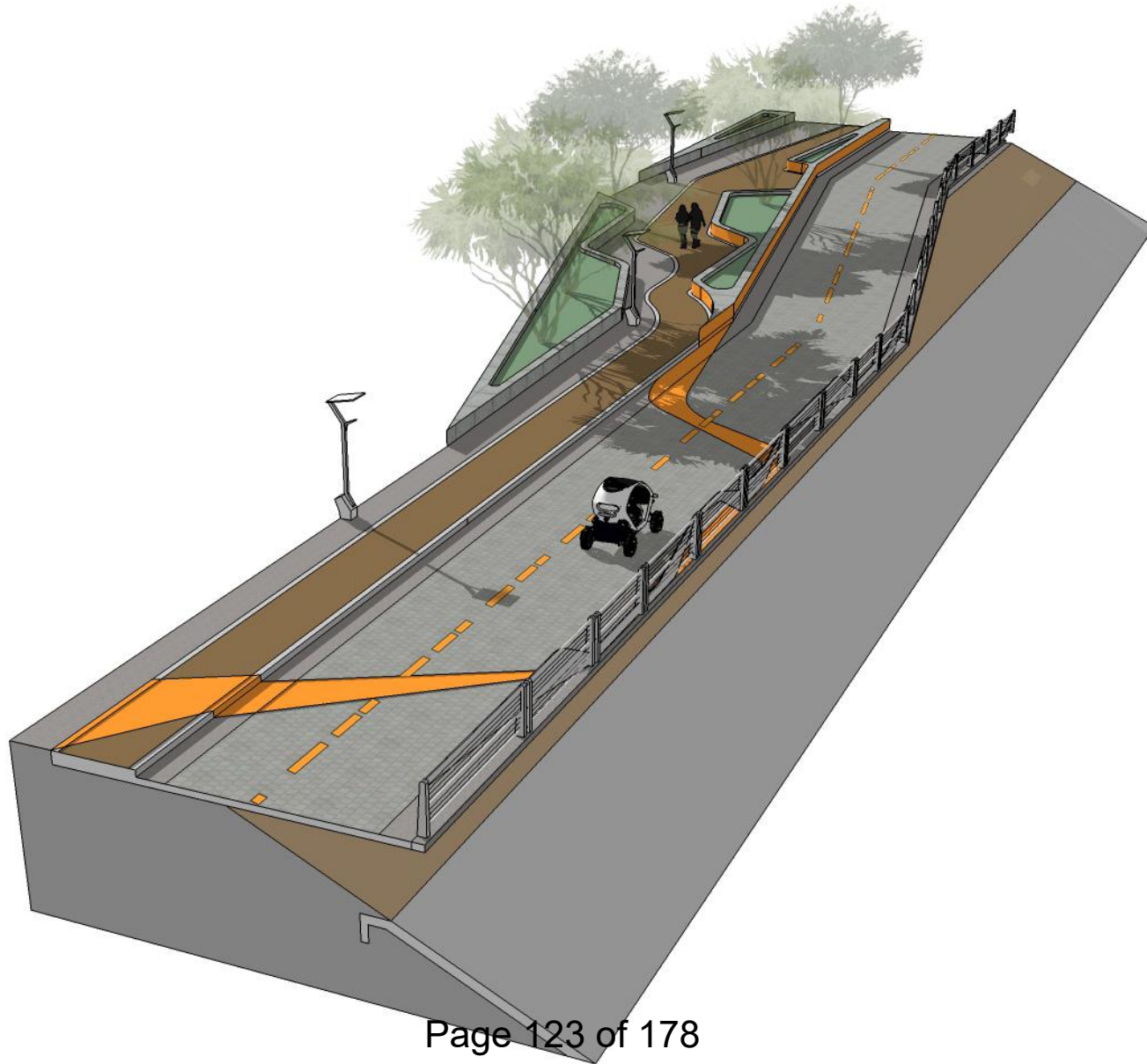
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'Game-changer' experience



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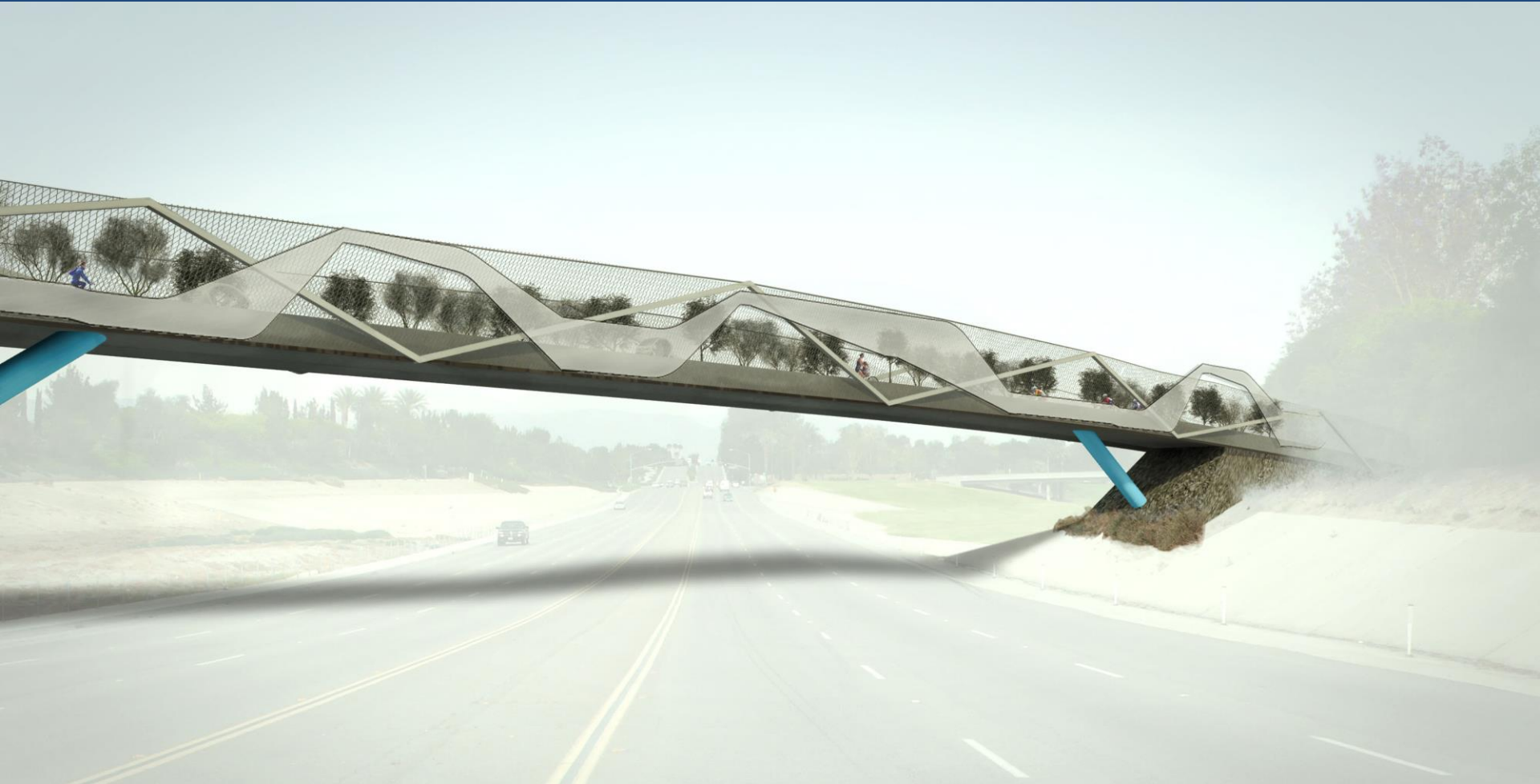
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Bridges at Roadways



Along the wash



Across the desert



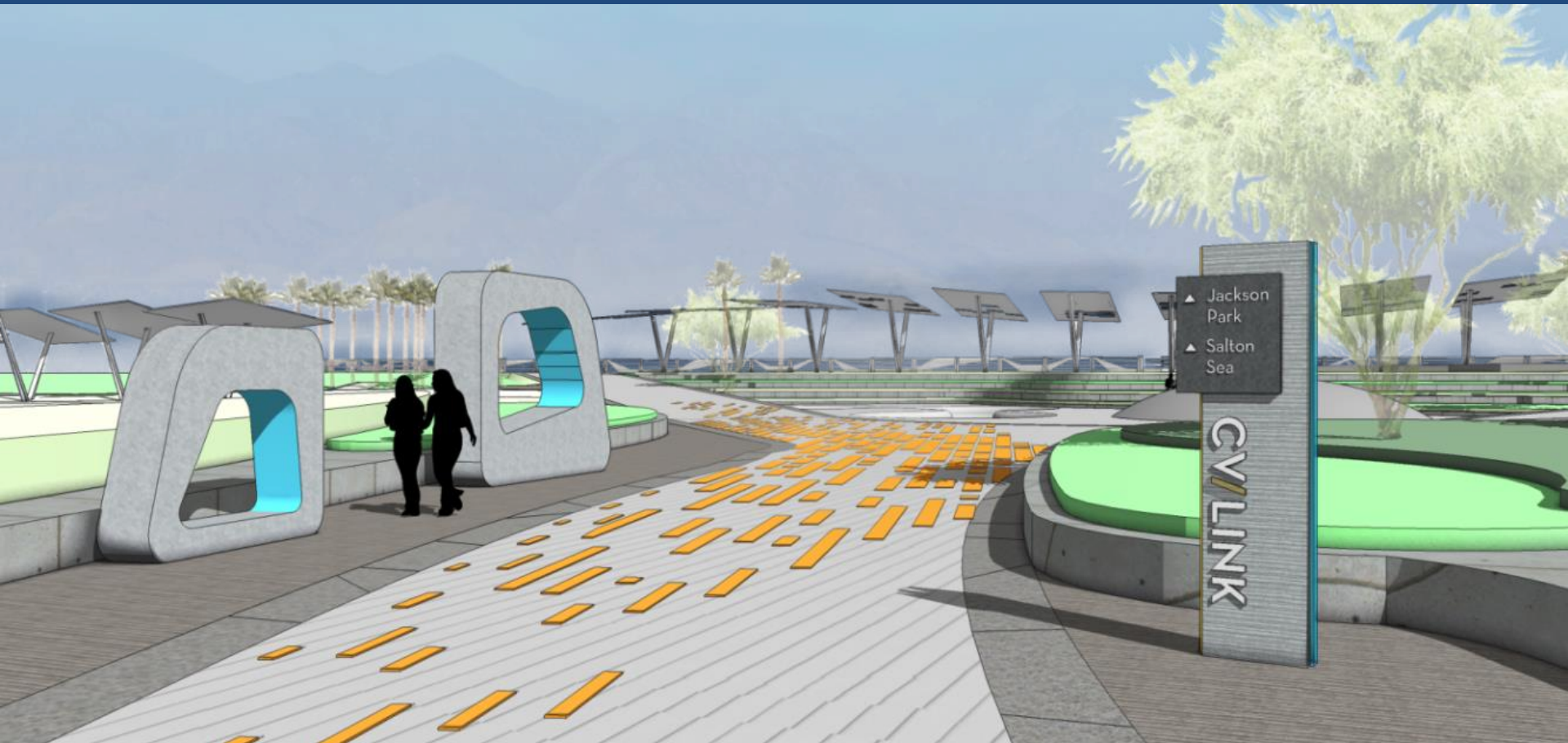
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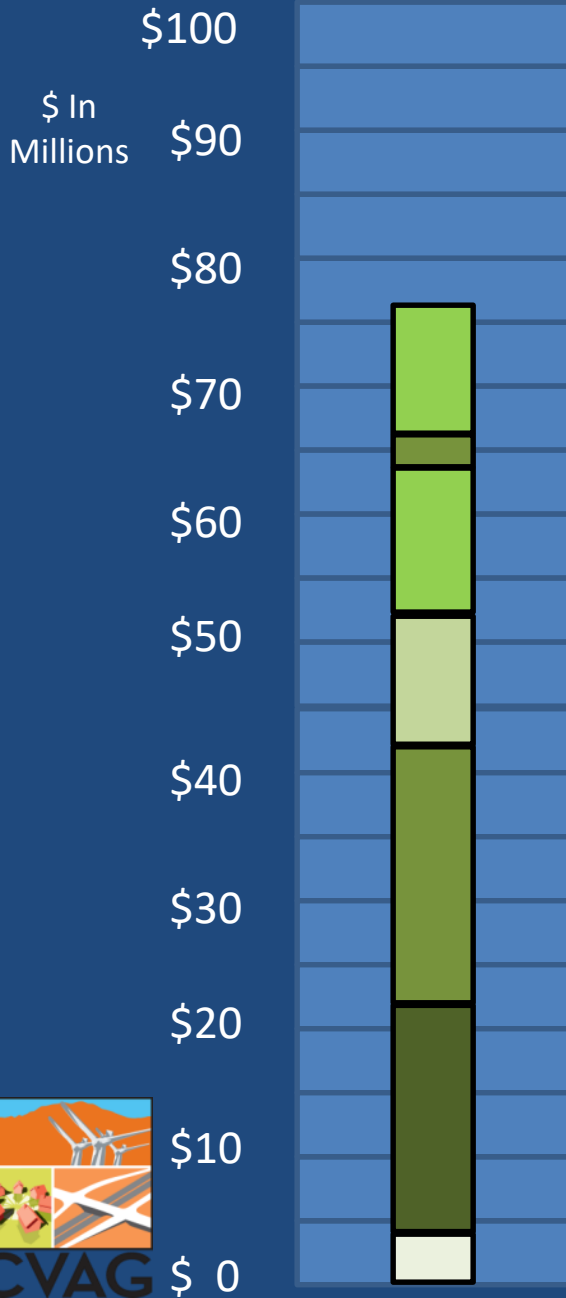


Benefits

- Congestion relief
- Improves air quality
- Creates jobs
- Boosts tourism



Funding is there



Active Transportation Program
 \$360 million for walking and biking



Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program

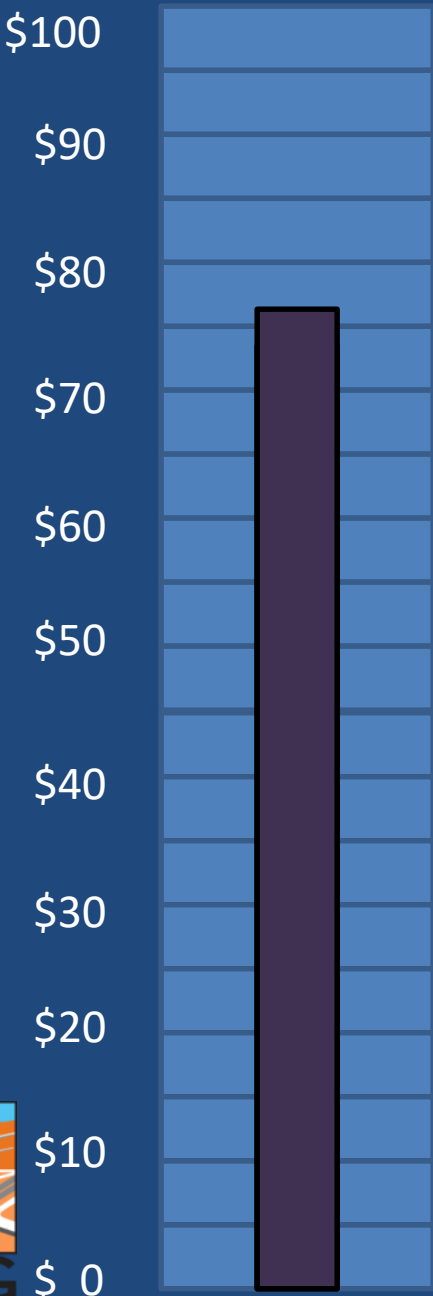


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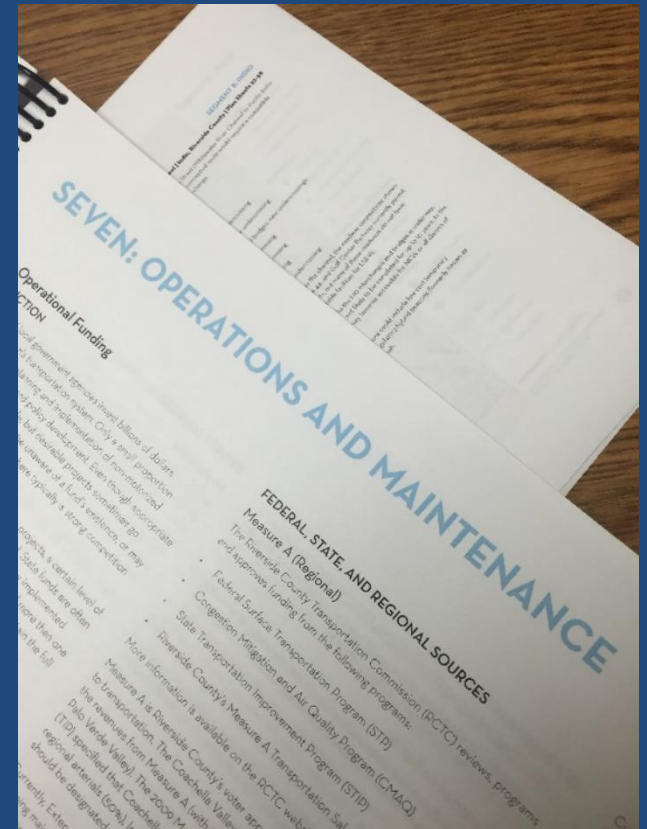
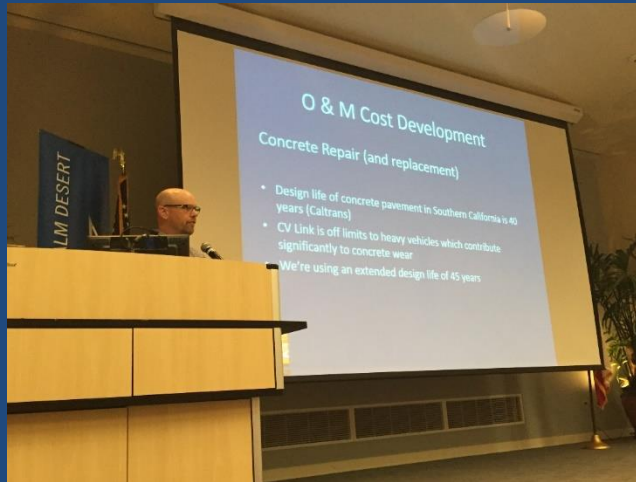
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Keeping it a world-class facility

- Reviewing operating costs
- Summer workshops
- Public safety survey



Keeping it a world-class facility

- 2 dozen funding options
- Public-Private partnerships



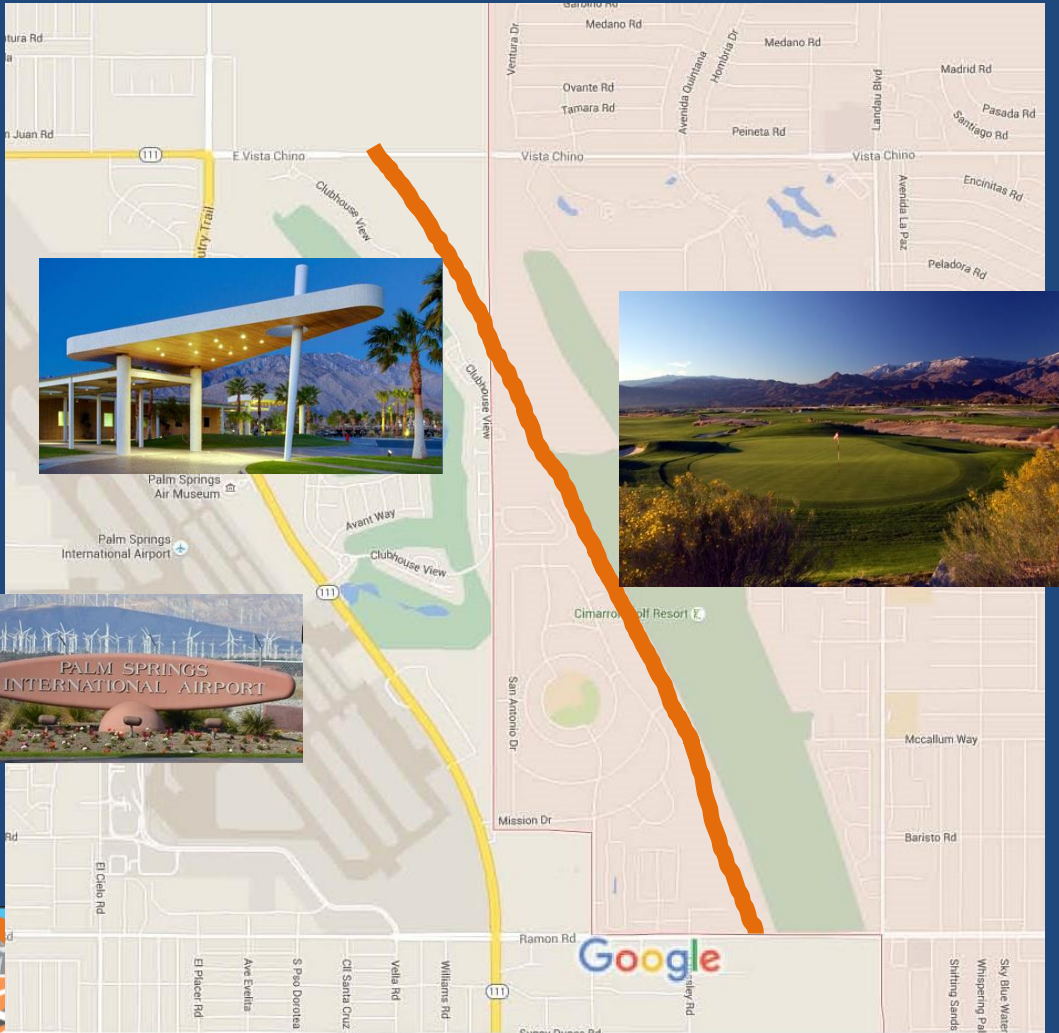
EIR – Late 2016



- Disclosure document
- All options studied

Cathedral City segment

- Pre-dates CV Link
- 2.1 miles
- Spring 2017 groundbreaking



Groundbreaking - 2017



- May not include all cities
- 3 yr construction
- Spurs in DHS, Palm Desert

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CV LINK

Welcome to the **CV Link** project information page.

Welcome to the **CV Link** a revolutionary new concept in transportation. Led by the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, the CV Link is the first of its kind to incorporate within one project pedestrians, bicyclists and low-speed electric vehicles. CV Link will connect eight Coachella Valley Cities and the lands of two federally recognized tribes with an alternate transportation route to the busiest corridor in the Coachella Valley.

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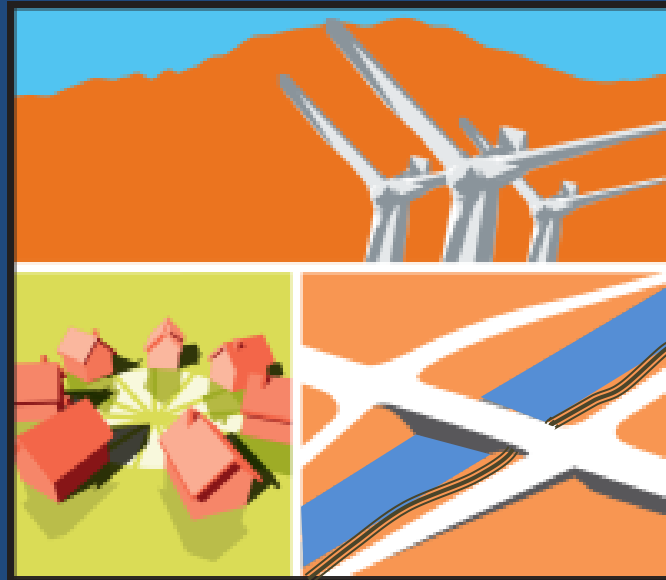


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December 9, 2019

Board of Directors Desert Health Care District
1140 N. Indian Canyon Dr.
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Re: Desert Health Care District Support for CVAG's CV Link

To Whom It May Concern:

As President of the non-profit, Friends of CV Link, I am writing this letter on behalf of our Board of Directors and the 2,312 Facebook friends and the 3,000+ recipients of the Friends of CV Link newsletter. As you probably know we are strong supporters and dedicated "cheerleaders" of CV Link. To see this project through to completion is our reason for existence.

A part of our Mission Statement reads: "Residents and visitors of all ages and abilities, including those with physical disabilities, use the CV Link as an alternative to bicycle, walk, jog, and use low-speed electric vehicles (LSEV). This off-street paved path connects all the cities of the Coachella Valley. CV Link provides a route for sustainable transportation to schools, stores, restaurants, workplaces, parks, and natural areas. CV Link enables a cleaner, healthier and more prosperous Coachella Valley from Palm Springs to the Salton Sea – car free."

It is the FCVL expectation and the reason for this letter that you will continue to support this legacy project as you have done since your first Letter of Support written to the Members of the Governing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District on April 26, 2012.

Thank you for continuing to support the health of the citizens across the Coachella Valley.

Sincerely,

Jim Rothblatt, President
Friends of CV Link

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November 27, 2019

Desert Health Care District
via email: wdean@dhcd.org
Attention: Will Dean

RE: CV Link Grant

Dear Board Members,

The following is submitted in regard to the Desert Healthcare District CV Link Grant.

These comments are made as an individual and not on behalf of any bicycle advocacy organizations.

The Desert Healthcare District should fulfill its promised \$10,000,000 grant to the CV Link because safe bicycle paths make our communities healthier and better places to live.

Additionally, this multi-use path will increase the fiscal health of our cities by drawing more visitors to our valley. Those new funds can then be used for wellness programs and parks for all of us.

My background adds credibility to my position. I have been an avid cyclist for over forty years and own a vacation home in La Quinta. Over the last ten years I have ridden thousands of miles in the desert. I am also a past co-sponsor of the Tour de Palm Springs and the Patriots Ride.

I am an attorney who specializes in representing bicyclists who are injured or killed by careless motorists. My entire case load has been devoted to these cases for the last twenty five years.

I have offices in Northern and Southern California with a local office in Palm Springs.

I have also volunteered as a board member for numerous bicycle advocacy organizations. I sat on the California Bicycle Coalition board for ten years, the League of American Bicyclists board for nine years, and I'm currently serving on the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition and Friends of the CV Link boards.

I support safe bicycle paths because of my experience representing severely injured bicyclists and families of cyclists who have been killed by careless drivers. These tragedies are not just newspaper headlines that quickly fade from our memories. These losses affect injured cyclists and their families forever. A safe bicycle path would have prevented these losses and lifetimes filled with misery and heartache.

Statistics show safe bicycle routes encourage more people to ride. In other words, "If you build it, they will come."

Cycling also encourages people to exercise and stay fit. It combats obesity, diabetes, heart disease and depression. It reduces traffic and air pollution. Cars blow out toxic fumes from their tailpipes. On the other hand, cyclists exhale clean puffs of air from their lungs.

In conclusion, I strongly urge the Health Care District to honor its promise to the CV Link. This grant helps complete the vision of a healthier and more fiscally sound Coachella Valley.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary C. Brustin

GCB:gb

To: Desert Healthcare District and Foundation Board
Attention: Will Dean, Director of communications and marketing, wdean@dhcd.org

Re: CV Link Memorandum of Understanding
Public meeting November 7, 2019

Dear Honorable Board Members:

As health care experts you know the value of preventative health care measures. **Prevention** is the first line of defense — the foundation for a long and healthy life. Disease and disability are affected by environmental factors, genetic predisposition, disease agents, and lifestyle choices and are dynamic processes which begin before individuals realize they are affected.

This multiuse project will provide alternative modes of transportation and encourage healthy lifestyle and persuade people to adopt these ideas in all areas of their lives.

The highways and roads in the Coachella Valley are treacherous thoroughfares for bicycle riders and pedestrians with numerous fatalities and injuries occurring all too often. The CV Link will save lives providing this alternative to dangerous roadways.

I am a full time resident and enjoy hiking and biking all year, even during the summer, when early mornings and late evening are a great time to be outside enjoying our beautiful desert.

The CV Link will contribute to improving the quality of life for Coachella Valley residents and visitors. There will be immediate, as well as collateral and additional benefits in the future. The millennium generation and those that follow will be the benefactors of this project. Innovative and positive change is driven by those with compassion, caring about others and caring about future generations.

I urge you to consider this as top priority project and establish your legacy as a distinguished and insightful leader.

Scott Connelly
Palm Springs CA 92264
760-324-5001



November 4, 2019

Joe J. Wallace, CEO and Chief Innovation Officer
Coachella Valley Economic Partnership
3111 East Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Board of Directors
Desert Healthcare District
1140 N. Indian Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Board of Directors of the Desert Healthcare District,

The purpose of this letter is to encourage the Desert Healthcare District to follow through on the commitment to fund the CV Link project with \$10 million as was approved by the Board of Directors of the Desert Healthcare District in 2013.

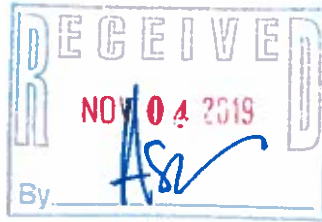
Non-profit organizations like CVEP and CVAG depend on being able to count on commitments for funding to be honored by all of the entities that make such commitments to move projects and initiatives forward without interruption. The importance of honoring investment commitments cannot be overstated as the Coachella Valley progresses toward regional approaches to elevate our way of life.

CVEP appreciates the past support of the Desert Healthcare District and looks forward to continuing to be a part of making our region a better place to live and work. It is on behalf of myself and the entire CVEP executive committee that I request that this prior commitment is honored.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Wallace".

Joe Wallace, CEO and Chief Innovation Officer
Coachella Valley Economic Partnership



74972 Saguaro Lane
Indian Wells, CA 92210
October 30, 2019

Dr. Les Zendle, Board President
Desert Healthcare District/Foundation
1140 N. Indian Canyon Dr.
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Dr. Zendle:

I was very pleased to read of the Healthcare District's decision to revisit the funding for CV Link. While the CV Link project is supported by some, it is pure folly to believe that this endeavor will ever meet the stated goal of reducing traffic in the Coachella Valley and reducing air pollution.

The \$10m previously designated by the Desert Healthcare District to provide funding for this project should be diverted to projects that will have a greater and more immediate impact on residents of the Coachella Valley residing within the District boundaries.

There are numerous needs within the valley that this funding could provide immediate benefits to residents. For example, there is a critical need to improve mental health care to homeless individuals. It is a known fact that mental illness is a leading contributor to homelessness. While there have been recent efforts to improve these services, they fall woefully short of the need. Another area of concern is housing. There is a shortage of housing availability for the elderly, the homeless, and other groups of individuals living in the Coachella Valley.

Let us not forget the elephant in the room – the SALTON SEA. One of the greatest immediate hazards to the health of Coachella Valley residents is the degradation of air quality caused by the drying up of the Salton Sea. The healthcare district has an opportunity to have a role, along with local, state and federal resources, in providing lasting mitigation to this immediate problem.

In conclusion, I encourage the Desert Healthcare District Board to redirect the funds previously earmarked for the CV Link to mental health services for the homeless; housing for the homeless and others in need; shelters for the homeless; and, the implementation of a plan that will begin to resolve the Salton Sea issue and mitigate unhealthy air quality issues.

Respectfully,

Ted J. Mertens, Mayor
City of Indian Wells

Will Dean

From: Rcragu12 . <rcragu12@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2019 6:15 PM
To: Will Dean
Subject: Randy Roberts / Insurance Institute For Highway Safety Letter Commenting On Problems With CvLink Design Mixed-Use road path
Attachments: 10325.pdf

Mr. Dean,

Please Find Additional negative comments and industry standards regarding safety issues that are foreseeable with CvLink's Design Placing 3,000lb LSEVS / NEVS traveling @ 25mph without adequate separation.

Imagine a family with young children and possible strollers staying within a 5-6 foot wide area in those areas that even have a token barrier many areas will not have a barrier.

Imagine a family with someone in a wheelchair staying within a 5-6 foot wide area.

Imagine children and their parents on bicycles traveling 5-9mph while a silent LSEV / NEV traveling at 25mph talking on their cell phone overtake them.

Now, imagine the Head on accidents between LSEVs / NEVs, pedestrians and bicyclists.

This Mixed-Use design has never been done before. The Feds refuse to fund this type of project.

Placing 25 mph vehicles on the same path as 3mph pedestrians and 6-12mph bicyclists is a recipe for disaster.

See attached letter

Randy Roberts
520-834-3932

----- Forwarded message -----

From: David Zuby <DZuby@iihs.org>
Date: Wed, May 10, 2017 at 6:08 AM
Subject: Mixed-use off road path
To: rcragu12@gmail.com <rcragu12@gmail.com>

Hello Randy,

Thanks for the interesting discussion. I'm not sure we have information that directly answers your question, but my researchers did suggest a few resources that may be useful to you.

First, regarding the statement on our website about ways to reduce pedestrian crashes with motor vehicles - Separating vehicles and pedestrians by installing sidewalks, overpasses and underpasses can help reduce conflicts. This is summary of the information in our Q&A about pedestrian safety - <http://www.iihs.org/iihs/topics/t/pedestrians-and-bicyclists/qanda>. In particular the following research studies address separating pedestrians from motor vehicles.

Retting, R.A.; Ferguson, S.A.; and McCartt, A.T. 2003. A review of evidence-based traffic engineering measures to reduce pedestrian-motor vehicle crashes. *American Journal of Public Health* 93(9):1456-63.

Chen, L; Chen, C.; Ewing, R.; McKnight, C.E.; Srinivassan, R.; and Roe, M. 2013. Safety countermeasures and crash reduction in New York City—experience and lessons learned. *Accident Analysis and Prevention* 50:312-22.

Keeping motor vehicle speed low when separation is not possible is also effective at reducing the severity of collisions.

Tefft, B.C. 2013. Impact speed and a pedestrian's risk of severe injury. *Accident Analysis and Prevention* 50:871-8.

Perhaps, if the design of the CV-Link is set, then it should include speed limits for LSEV, NEV and bicycles.

Other references suggested by my staff include -

This document from the UK has guidance on the the width of a segregated bike/pedestrian path. Compliance with the lanes is an issue, and compliance is better when lanes are wider. They also cite research showing the bicyclists will ride at faster speeds in segregated lanes than in shared use lanes.

<http://www.sustrans.org.uk/sites/default/files/images/files/migrated-pdfs/Technical%20Note%2019%20-%20Segregation%20of%20shared%20use%20routes.pdf>

AASHTO has guidance for the development of bike facilities, which includes guidance on the design of segregated shared-use paths. They recommend not allowing motorized vehicles on them, and recommend wider lanes than Cochella Valley is proposing (at least 5 feet for pedestrian lanes, at least 15 feet for bicyclists). Here is a presentation on their guidance: http://www.pedbikeinfo.org/pdf/Webinar_PBIC_LC_100912_AASHTO_5.pdf

pedestrians/bicyclists groups in CA, such as this one: <http://www.calbike.org/>.

One relatively minor change to the plan that might help separate pedestrians from the LSEV, NEV and bicycle traffic would be to include an unpaved median between the pedestrian and vehicle portions of the path. I've no research to support it but suspect that bicyclists and EV drivers would avoid crossing between the two especially if there was a difference (even slight) in elevation between the paved and unpaved sections.



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From: Rcragu12 . <rcragu12@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2019 1:15 PM
To: Will Dean
Subject: Desert Health Care District's Involvement In CvLink Should Be Re-Evaluated
Attachments: 5-3-17 PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL TALKING POINTS.docx; CVAG - Questions Before Writ Of Mandate.docx; 4-29-17 PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR MOON.docx

Mr. Dean,

My name is Randy Roberts. I am a 68 year old father of four, avid cyclist, hiker and walker.

My wife and I have lived in Palm Desert since 1994 and currently reside in Ironwood CC.

I strongly support the DCHD's re-evaluation of its funding commitment to the CvLink.

The DCHD's resources, mission and goals for the Coachella Valley are not well served by this proposed \$10,000,000 funding of CvLink.

I have spent considerable time on researching CvLink's background, funding, assumptions and representations to your organization and the Public. Please see attached.

Based on this research, I can state, unequivocally, that DCHD & the public were "sold " a \$100,000,000+ Bike Path that will achieve few, if any, of its stated goals.

In the past, I have informed the Mayor's and councils of Rancho Mirage and Indian Wells of my findings present them to you as follows:

1. CvLink's 2010 basis and assumptions were based on a "fictional" construct that 1,000's of electric vehicles, (LSEVS, NEVS & Golf Carts) would traverse the valley on it, daily, thereby reducing air pollution from gas powered vehicles.
 - o The sole reason for CvLink's outrageous price-tag was required by massively over-engineering a bicycle and walking path to accommodate 3,000lb LSEVs that can travel @ 25mph.
 - o The sole reason for this 3,000lb LSEV accommodation was to get \$\$\$ from the following sources by promising a reduction in Gas Vehicle Air Pollution:
 - Grants for active transportation projects, the California Strategic Growth Council, County Park and Open Space District, Desert Healthcare District, Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), South Coast Air Quality Management District, California Active Transportation Program and Caltrans.



- It's 2019 and California and the Coachella Valley are rapidly migrating to all electric vehicles within the next 10-20 years.
- The coming electric vehicle revolution(EV) will provide the reduction in air pollution benefits promised by CvLink at no cost to the Coachella Valley or DHCD.
- There are no shortage of Tesla's in this Valley today and There Will No Shortage Of Electric Cars in the very near future.
- Separate ownership of LSEVs, NEVs / Golf Carts is financially impossible for most residents of the Coachella Valley. Few, if any, can afford the luxury of a limited purpose LSEV / NEV /Golf Cart; They can and do run in excess of \$15,000.
- Most residents do not have the space to even park these "fictional" LSEVs, NEVs & Golf Carts.
- CVAG / CvLink never anticipated the Rapid Public Adoption of Cost Effective Electric Bicycles that do not require any additional engineering and \$\$ expensive design over that of a bicycle path / pedestrian walkway.

2. DHCD was misled into making a future funding commitment based on CVAG's false representations of REDUCED AIR Pollution because of the fiction of "10,000's" of gas engines taken off the road due to CvLink.

3. DHCD was misled by CVAG that only a \$100,000,000+ CvLink could give the benefits of Coachella Valley Wide Bicycle & Pedestrian Path.

- CVAG never presented DHCD or the Public a cost effective Valley Wide Bicycle & Pedestrian Path that would provide ALL of the benefits DHCD and the public have been led to believe can only be accomplished by the \$100,000,000+ CvLink.
- 1000's of communities, worldwide, provide these hiking, biking walking, strolling and running pathways for their residents and visitors at a fraction of the cost per mile of CvLink.
- CvLink is budgeted at \$2,000,000 per mile and increasing daily.
- \$500,000-\$1,000,000 Per Mile for an incredible 50 mile Bicycle & Pedestrian Path would cost \$50million-\$75million less and provide the same health benefits in a much safer manner.

4. CvLink's design and concept are untested and UNSAFE.

- There has never been a shared public pathway that combines 25mph "silent" 3000lb electric vehicles with 2.5-3.5mph pedestrians without barriers.
- **Does this Look Safe? It is exactly what CvLink Envisions.**

- Here, CVAG says the maximum pathway speed should be 20 mph because of significant increase in injury at higher speeds:

"The maximum speed on the shared use path should be 20 mph due to the significant increase in injury at higher speeds. Research on highway capable motor vehicle collisions has shown that at 20 mph, a pedestrian or cyclist has a 95% chance of surviving a crash. As speed increases above 20 mph, the chance of survival decreases significantly. Lower speed limits have been effective at reducing the crash and fatality rate in cities across Europe." https://www.cvag.org/library/pdf_files/trans/CV_Link_MP/CV_Link_MP_Vol_2_v22.pdf

- Here, CVAG says the maximum speed will be 25 mph.

"CV Link is a 50-mile bicycle, pedestrian, and low-speed (up to 25 mph) electric vehicle pathway along the Whitewater River from Palm Springs to Coachella." <http://www.coachellavalleylink.com/faq>

- Here, CVAG says:

"No research has been conducted on collisions between LSEVs and non-motorized users"

- Here, CVAG says, without any data, they arbitrarily choose the known dangerous speed limit of 25 mph:

"In the absence of data on the risk and severity of collisions between lighter LSEVs and non-motorized users, it cannot be concluded that a 20 mph speed limit is justified."

The reason there are no supporting safety data for 3000lb LSEVs @ 25 mph on shared pathways is because these known and unsafe speeds and weights have precluded any project, for shared pathways, ever being designed to this specification.

I recognize the political, organizational and societal issues DHCD's re-evaluation of this grant represents.

Please consider this re-evaluation as an opportunity for DHCD, CVAG and the Coachella Valley to re-open this CvLink discussion and reconsider a flawed project based on 2010 assumptions that are no longer viable.

The entire valley, particularly East Valley, needs affordable recreational opportunities and health care access.

CvLink provides neither.

DHCD's precious financial resources can and should be employed with great wisdom.

This \$100,000,000+ bike path cannot be considered as being wise.

Regarding CvLink, Tom Kirk proudly stated:

“NOTHING LIKE IT HAS EVER BEEN DONE BEFORE.”

Rather than make a case for CvLink, Tom's comment is exactly why DHCD should fully consider the issues I have raised.

I have attached previous letters sent to CVAG, City Councils documenting, with links & citations, these and many additional problems with CvLink.

The cities, county, State and Private Funding may choose this project as is, DHCD is under no such obligation or constraint based on the false assumptions and representations made by CVAG.

If you would like to discuss this funding, safety & cost data and its sources, please call.

Randy Roberts
Palm Desert
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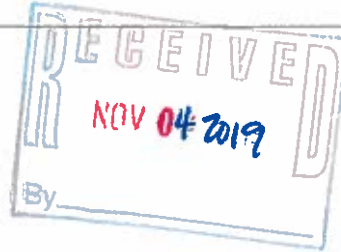


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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

October 30, 2019



Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD
Chief Executive Officer
Desert Healthcare District
1140 N. Indian Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, California 92262

Dear Dr. Bárzaga,

Thank you for meeting with me to discuss our mutual interests, including funding for the CV Link project. This letter follows up that conversation and responds to your 9 October 2019 letter on the same subject.

It is clear that the chief executives of the Desert Healthcare District (District) and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) have differing interpretations of the 2013 Memorandum of Understanding, which memorializes the District Board's approval to fund \$10 million for the CV Link Project. I am not in a position to determine if one interpretation or the other is correct, but I have a clear understanding of the consequence to the City of Palm Desert should the District not follow through on the 2013 commitment to provide this funding: the City of Palm Desert loses.

You are correct to note that the District funding is not tied to any particular segment or phase of CV link. And certainly, given several years' time, other grant monies could be secured to replace the District's. However, the belief that Palm Desert could simply proceed now using a different source of funding reflects a lack of understanding of how projects like this are designed and constructed.

The City of Palm Desert has operated for the last three years with the understanding that the District's funding would be used to construct the portion of CV Link within our city limits. The knowledge of the source of funds is the foundation for the planning, analysis, design, right-of-way acquisition, bidding, and construction of a project. Different sources

of funding have different regulations and restrictions: the procedures for federally-funded projects are different from those for state-funded projects, and locally-funded project procedures are different from either of those. With the guidance of CVAG, Palm Desert has proceeded with the CV Link project according to the rules and regulations applicable to local funding, understanding that the District grant would be used for the Palm Desert segments of the non-motorized path.

Toward that end, the City of Palm Desert has prepared its strategic plan, its comprehensive General Plan update, its Capital Improvements Program, its staffing plans, and its annual goals for the 2017, 2018, and 2019 calendar years to support commencement of construction of the CV Link in the first quarter of next year. We have worked with CVAG, College of the Desert, the Coachella Valley Water District, the Desert Sands Unified School District, and the community at large to design the project, study its environmental impacts specific to the Palm Desert segments, retain a construction management team, and prepare to bid the work. We earned the designation of a Healthy Eating Active Living city. We tailored the design of the path to maximize the benefits to children attending Lincoln Elementary School, Palm Desert Charter Middle School, and Palm Desert High School, and to people of all ages attending the College of the Desert and using our Civic Center Park, Palm Desert City Hall, and the popular Bump N Grind hiking trail. In short, we're ready to go, and it would be difficult to overstate the importance of now delivering CV Link in Palm Desert.

Perhaps more troubling is the potential erosion of trust in the District should the funding for CV Link not be forthcoming as anticipated. For several decades, Palm Desert property owners have paid property taxes allowing the District to provide the services, programs, and grants that improve their health and access to healthcare. They have reasonably believed that the District would invest the money they paid towards the District's publicly stated goals and priorities, including the CV Link project. Their expectations were reasonable because the District's own meeting minutes, resolutions, audited financial statements, and website information provided evidence of the District's intentions. A change in direction at this time would breach the faith and confidence of our residents, which the District has previously enjoyed.

By virtue of the high property values in Palm Desert, our property owners have been the single greatest source of revenue to the Desert Healthcare District. Our residents have enthusiastically supported the District's goals, including the construction of CV Link, over

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many years. Abandoning this long-established goal would be ill-conceived and detrimental to the good reputation that the District has earned.

Sincerely,



LAURI AYLAIAN
CITY MANAGER

cc: Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors
City of Palm Desert Mayor and Councilmembers
Tom Kirk, CVAG Executive Director
D. Chris Christensen, CPA, CAO

Will Dean

From: Conrado Barzaga
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2019 8:13 AM
To: Will Dean
Subject: FW: CVLink Opposition

From: "rsylk77@aol.com" <rsylk77@aol.com>
Date: Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 4:07 PM
To: Conrado Barzaga <cbarzaga@dhcd.org>
Cc: "ricardogray@hotmail.com" <ricardogray@hotmail.com>, "lwwahlert@yahoo.com" <lwwahlert@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: CVLink Opposition

Dear Dr. Barzaga, CEO Desert HealthCare District.

We sent a comment to you on your website but thought to send this to you in addition. Please look me up at www.robertsyilk.com I guess my introduction could come from your Mr. Arthur Shorr who is a Board Member of The Jewish National Fund of which I am Chairman of the Board www.jnf.org and a member of your Board also. We of the Concerned Citizens of La Quinta 17,202 email members www.ccolq.org have been against this travesty since Tom Kirk and his cronies will not release the costs involved for this project. Two of those cronies are our Mayor Evans and her Roberto Radi. Please do not allow them to bully you into an incorrect decision wasting 10 Million Dollars on this. Stay the course and let each city be on its own and allow their citizens to VOTE as RM and IW have done. RM voters voted 81% against. There are much better places to spend 10M. Robert Syilk

As printed in TDS.

From: RSylk77@aol.com
To: letters@desertsun.com, al.franco@desertsun.com
Sent: 2/4/2016 6:44:20 PM Pacific Standard Time
Subject: Letter to the Editor

Not thinking things through "CV Link" Bike & Cart Path

It is said that your life can't go according to plan if you have no plan. It's also been said that when you make a plan make sure you see it through to its fullest. This bike and cart path plan is a great idea at first sight except what happens next? The first costs were projected in the \$53 to 77 million dollar range. Now we are well over \$100 Million.

So, after it opens what about the following: 1. Safety - fence, cameras every mile and emergency phone boxes. 2. On-going maintenance - pathway and electric, etc. 3. Crime - vandals, graffiti, robbers, muggings, abductions, insurance, etc. 4. Costs - will rise to \$150 million and more. 5. Responsibilities - County, Valley Task Force (oversight committee), or cities. There is much to review here that has not been mentioned for example having the path end or begin at the Cochran Airport with a hotel, shops, cafes, cart, bike, and skate rentals etc and until that happens this should be tabled. You read a book from beginning to end, but

when you have a plan you start with the end and work your way back. Shame on you for not doing the entire plan for the public's due diligence.

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Will Dean

From: noreply@www.dhcd.org
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 11:05 AM
To: Will Dean
Subject: Contact Us form submitted at www.dhcd.org

A form named Contact Us has been submitted at www.dhcd.org.

Name	Jan Harnik
Telephone Number	
Type	General Inquiries
Email	jharnik@dc.rr.com
Address	
Comment	The Desert Sun Editorial says it eloquently and accurately. DHD, please keep the agreement as made, please keep your word. This is a pivotal piece of CVLink and the rest will follow bringing access to education, employment, recreation and health to all our region's community members.



October 25, 2019

Dr. Les Zendle
Board President
Desert Healthcare District/ Foundation
1140 N Indian Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Dr. Zendle,

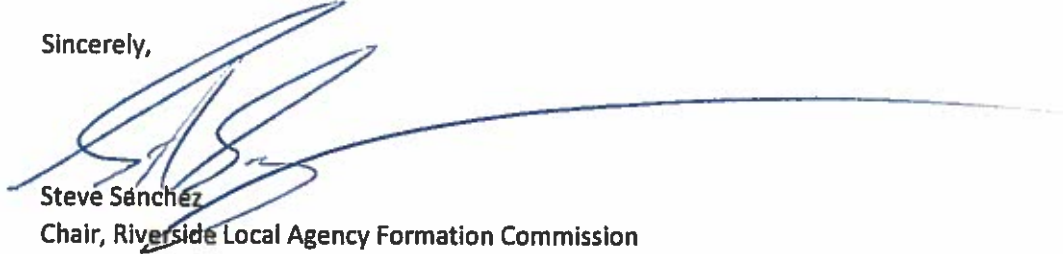
As Chair of the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), I read with concern some of the recent news coverage regarding the Desert Healthcare District's longstanding commitment to CV Link. Speaking as a member of LAFCO and as a councilman for the City of La Quinta, I am deeply troubled by the recent rhetoric coming out of the District meetings as it is inconsistent with what the District stated when it applied for its annexation last year. I hope you will quickly put my mind – and the minds of fellow CV Link supporters across the Coachella Valley – at ease by quickly re-confirming the District's financial support of CV Link and resolving any outstanding contract issues with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG).

I was a supporter of the District's effort to expand much-needed services to the eastern Coachella Valley. The annexation was authorized as part of Assembly Bill 2414, which Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia authored in 2016. The legislation required the District to make a request to LAFCO to expand its boundaries, and then get the approval of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and the voters. The District submitted its request in January 2017. While AB 2414 prohibited LAFCO from disapproving the District's expansion proposal, it did allow LAFCO to impose conditions before the District moved forward. Specifically, LAFCO had the ability to "condition the annexation on the District's imposition of sufficient revenues to provide services within the territory to be annexed, including but not limited to, the concurrent approval of special taxes or benefit assessments that will generate those sufficient revenues."

LAFCO notified the District that it must identify a funding source before the expansion proposal would move forward for a public hearing, consistent with AB2414. The District followed up with a financial plan that was submitted as part of the District's funding outlined a plan to be "self-funded" and identified \$6 million over 20 years to support programs and services in the expansion area. A public hearing was held by LAFCO on the annexation in April 2018. In approving the boundary change, LAFCO could have also required the District to secure "sufficient revenues" such as a tax increase. LAFCO chose not to do that, in large part because you, your colleagues at the District voiced confidence in the "self-funded" financing plan.

be a disservice to this community, who trusted that the District could expand services without breaking any previous financial promises.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Sanchez', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Sánchez
Chair, Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission
Councilman, City of La Quinta

cc: • Desert Healthcare District/ Foundation Board
Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia
Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Tom Kirk, CVAG Executive Director
Members of the CVAG Executive Committee

Will Dean

From: Richard Fox <foxguidebooks@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 12:28 AM
To: Les Zendle; Leticia DeLara; Mark Matthews; Carole Rogers; Evett PerezGil; Karen Borja; Arthur Shorr; Conrado Barzaga; Chris Christensen; Will Dean
Subject: Re: CV Link Funding (from local author/bicycling expert)

Dear Desert Health District Board,

I am writing in response to the report that your board is considering cancelling its funding for the CV Link, effectively killing the project. This is a big mistake for many reasons.

During my extensive research for my book "enCYCLEpedia Southern California – The Best Easy Scenic Bike Rides," I traveled around SoCal, examining bike trail infrastructure and observing their usage. I continue to do so, and I have explored many other regions as well to experience their bicycling facilities.

I've found that compared to just about every other population center, the Coachella Valley is shamefully lacking in essential recreation trail infrastructure, to the detriment of residents and the hundreds of thousands of active visitors that spend time here. Two metro areas with similar climate and topography, Phoenix/Tempe and Tucson in Arizona, are crisscrossed with widely used regional bike trails. A regional trail should have been built along the Whitewater River decades ago, as was done along almost all of SoCal's watercourses, too numerous to mention. These paths provide valuable options for cyclists out for a recreational ride, commuting, running errands, or training for events such as the AIDS/Lifecycle. Every weekend SoCal's trails along its rivers, streams, coastline, and former rail beds resemble bicycle highways with a multitude of users, and CV Link would have the same success. One of SoCal's newest communities, Rancho Mission Viejo in Orange County, has built multi-use paths that allow NEV's connecting neighborhoods to parks and shopping; it is the way of the future. Cancelling the vital CV Link project will instead move the Coachella Valley backwards.

Most every other SoCal region is currently going gangbusters to improve their bicycling infrastructure for the health and safety of its residents, including Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, which were also previously behind the curve. Obviously there are issues with NIMBY objections elsewhere, but nothing compares to the unfounded hysteria and objection to such a needed and necessary project as has been the case with CV Link. From the extent of the objections you'd think CV Link was a hazardous waste dump as opposed to the reality of it being a health-improving, enjoyment enabling, life saving, regional feature.

The main roads are so dangerous in most parts of the Coachella Valley that I and many other more casual bicyclists won't ride on them. Some don't cycle at all because of it, while others make do with the sidewalk paths, many of which are pleasant enough, though sidewalk cycling has its own set of hazards. Faster "road cyclists" do not use sidewalks because it's incompatible with their riding style as well as being unsafe for themselves and pedestrians. So, they continue to ride, and die, on the 55-60 mph arteries. Following is a link to my recent blog post summarizing cyclists' deaths on the local roadways, written with the intent of informing the slower casual cyclists that they have a safer choice in many instances. However, the road cyclists do not have a choice. CV Link would provide a safe option for an off-road ride, and possibly save their lives.

<https://encyclopedia.wordpress.com/2019/06/07/coachella-valley-safer-bike-route-alternatives-at-locales-of-fatal-bike-accidents/>

CV Link is a necessary and long overdue project that will improve the health of people who live and visit here. Please continue to fund CV Link.

Sincerely,
Richard Fox
Palm Desert, CA
www.enCYCLEpedia.net

Will Dean

From: John Siegel <pacific_john@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 8:12 PM
Subject: CV Link Examples from Around the US
Attachments: CV Link Examples.pdf; 20191014_084750.jpg; 20191014_085405.jpg; 20191014_091116a.jpg; 72088852_10219908703483301_3934629504189726720_o.jpg

Dear Desert Healthcare District Board and Staff:

I've attached a pdf with photographs of examples of multi-use paths and trails similar to CV/Link. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Since pictures can be more powerful than words, you will see that much of the country is far ahead of the Coachella Valley in infrastructure for safety, health and attractive outdoor activities. It's also clear that criticism of CV/Link is out of step with the sensibilities of other areas, of California, and of states in every region of the country.

It's paradoxical that upscale communities elsewhere invest in recreation for everybody, rather than opposing paths like two of our cities have, and it's sad that many of the people who most deserve it are most at risk of losing the health and safety benefits of CV/Link.

While some of you who I've bcc'd may have seen the attached pdf file, I'm also attaching pictures I just took Monday near San Diego, of the Sweetwater bikeway and trail. As you can see, it's heavily used by the community, from runners, to people walking dogs, to families with strollers to casual bicyclists. As I've joked, someone accidentally put it where people can use it. As the bright gold lines on the GPS activity map show, the paths run from San Diego Bay all the way into the inland hills.

Thanks for your attention, and I urge the board to invest in health and safety like we see in the rest of the US.

Sincerely,

John W. Siegel
(805) 227-4201 cell

Will Dean

From: Victor Yepello <vyepello@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 9:13 AM
To: Victor Yepello
Cc: Brett Klein; Gary Lueders; Jim Rothblatt; John Siegel; Alex Napier; Patrick Tallarico; Robin Abrahams
Subject: What Is The Real Need For CV Link?

District Board and Staff
Desert Healthcare District

Dear All,

Most successful communities think multi-use paths are fundamental to the health, safety and beauty of their towns.

When we began the CV Link project way back when, of all the reasons we had gathered to build a multi-use path could be distilled down to just 2 things.

One is improved health through exercise via biking. Coupled with that would be more people taking fewer trips with their cars thus taking a step forward to improving our air quality.

Imagine also, people who live East Valley would have another means to travel to work and play and school especially with the access to COD.

Just these points alone show that the 10 million dollars earmarked by DHCD for CV Link is an investment in a healthier future for many of our citizens.

But let's not forget one more very important goal of the multimodal path and that is safety. The more cyclists we keep off the streets the less chance we have for fatalities. And as Valley population grows and as traffic increases, so will cyclist injury and death statistics climb.

So, in summary, CV/Link will boost the health of active people, and reduce the fatality numbers of pedestrians and bicyclists throughout the CV. We all know it's been opposed because some high up people in Rancho Mirage and Indian Wells who want to go back in time or maintain their version of a status quo, at the cost to future generations. Is that the direction you really want to take?

With respect,

Vic Yepello
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Thoughts become things- Choose the good ones.

Will Dean

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Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 7:07 AM
To: Will Dean
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A form named Contact Us has been submitted at www.dhcd.org.

Name	Roger King
Telephone Number	
Type	General Inquiries
Email Address	argormk@gmail.com
Comment	Your Tax payer funded organization has no business funding the ill advised CV Link.

Will Dean

From: Chris Christensen
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 9:30 AM
To: Will Dean
Subject: FW: CVLink Funding



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Advancing *community wellness*
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Subject: CVLink Funding

I am writing in support of your review of your funding for the CV Link. The planned link is really nothing more and amenity and marketing tool for tourism. There is no real data to suggest it would reduce car use or pollution. Your stated vision is

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Connecting Coachella Valley residents to health and wellness services and programs through philanthropy, health facilities, information and community education, and public policy.

The CV Link is not a health or wellness service or program or health facility. It is an amenity. I know there is a concerted effort from one individual in the Palm Springs Neighborhood Group on Facebook. He is trying to get a group to write letters in support of the funding. He is a bicycle enthusiast and only interested in his own self interest.

If you have Ten Million to invest in the community, how about something that would really make a difference such as:

- For Ten Million Dollars you could provide 55,555 vials of generic insulin at \$180 per vial for free.
- For Ten Million Dollars you could provide 400,000 hours of in-home care at an hourly rate of \$25 per hour
- For Ten Million Dollars you could provided 138 seniors with assistance with assisted living @ \$3000 a month for two years.

All of these ideas provide direct assistance and would make a direct impact on health, safety and well-being. Somehow, direct help for the elderly or diabetics struggling to pay for insulin or needed services seems more important than a bicycle path.

Please put your money towards more direct services.

Thank you.
Mark Maxwell

COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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CVAG

October 7, 2019

Lauri Aylaian
City Manager
City of Palm Desert
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Palm Desert, CA 92260

RE: Alarming indications that Desert Healthcare District's funding for CV Link is at risk and the resulting impact on construction in City of Palm Desert

LAVEL

Ms. Aylaian,

It's with great disappointment that I am writing to you today regarding the construction of CV Link in the City of Palm Desert. I know we had both hoped to start construction in Palm Desert in early 2020. However, recent comments made at a public meeting of the Desert Healthcare District (District) Board of Directors indicates that there are some at the Desert Healthcare District who wish to renege on the \$10 million commitment made by the District to CV Link. Although the District has a funding obligation to the project, I cannot take recent statements and actions by District representatives lightly. As such I'm notifying the City that it should not proceed to construction until the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) has finalized a grant contract with the District.

The District's Board of Directors were some of the earliest supporters of CV Link. Early on, they recognized that by investing in a valleywide active transportation network, it would provide access to walking, cycling and other modes of transportation. Getting people out of their cars encourages them to live active lifestyles, thereby helping the Coachella Valley achieve public health goals such as addressing childhood obesity. In 2012, CVAG formally applied for funding from the District. The District held several public meetings and reviewed the idea before formalizing a Memorandum of Understanding in 2013 that provided \$10 million for the project.

This MOU has no expiration date, but it did have one contingency: CVAG had to secure at least \$12.6 million within 30 months (or by November 2015) in order for the MOU to remain in place. CVAG notified the District in late 2013 that it had secured \$12.6 million in federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding – and then went on to secure state and federal grants that put the total funding secured at more than \$100 million. We've been meeting with District staff, who have provided us a draft grant contract. We are in the process of finalizing this process with them. We understand that the District Board of Directors will also be holding a study session in the coming weeks to discuss the project further.

I know your City Council is particularly eager to get the City's segment started. I greatly appreciate that, at the City's September 12, 2019 meeting, the City Council members unanimously voted to approve the project and offered strong words of support for our efforts. Additionally, your City staff has been some of our closest partners as our team finalized the design and engineering of CV Link. The Palm Desert segment – particularly the first-in-the-valley cycle track along city streets – is a better project because of the insights and feedback that you and the City staff have provided us during this process.

Just last month, CVAG and the City have both approved the cooperative agreement that will allow the City to lead construction on its on-street segments as they are in the City's existing right-of-way. The funding agreement identifies the District as a funding source for the project. Per the City's request, the Palm Desert section is being funded with local funding, and not any state or federal funds. This, coupled with the fact that the City was going to be the next to break ground, makes the Palm Desert segment particularly susceptible to any funding disruptions or delays.

District funding is also tied to other construction plans in other Valley cities. District's funds were used as leverage to secure funding that we planned to use to construct the segments in the Cities of Palm Springs, Cathedral City, La Quinta, Indio, and Coachella as well as unincorporated eastern Riverside County. CVAG is now reconsidering our entire plans for 2020, when we expected to build at least 15 miles.

The City, working with CVAG, should continue its construction management activities, finalize the project planning and issue a request for bids. However, the City cannot start construction until you get a green light from me that the funding issues associated with the Desert Healthcare District have been addressed. Unfortunately, should a grant contract not be finalized with the District swiftly, CVAG may have to cancel part or all of the project within City limits.

Every day that CV Link is delayed is another day where the Coachella Valley's cyclists and pedestrians are forced to walk or bike along our busy roadways instead of using a safe, accessible pathway that separates them from fast-moving vehicles. Just today, the Desert Sun reported that 2019 is on pace to be one of the Coachella Valley's deadliest in terms of pedestrian accidents on our roadways. I will remain in communication with you as we work with the District to finalize the grant contract. I'm hopeful that this is resolved quickly so we can resume our efforts to construct CV Link and provide our community with its public safety, public health and air quality benefits.

Sincerely,



Tom Kirk
Executive Director

CC: Palm Desert City Council
Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Palm Springs Mayor Robert Moon
Cathedral City Mayor Mark Carnevale



La Quinta Mayor Linda Evans
Indio Mayor Lupe Ramos Amith
Coachella Mayor Steven Hernandez
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Chairman Jeff L. Grubbe, CVAG Chairman
Dr. Les Zendle, Desert Healthcare District Board President, and District Board members



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Name	Brian B Torsney Sr
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Email	1118bbtsr@gmail.com
Address	
Comment	I read the article in today's Desert Sun in re the CV Link Grant. I appreciate the quotes attributed to Mr. Martin and Dr. Zendle. The Desert Healthcare Agency should be concentrated on directly related health care issues; no soothing the egos of CVAG employees and other politicians. I would urge the Board Members to put aside their pro bicycle bias and use Health Care funds for Health Care purposes. As a neutral agency the District could foster a vote for the District to determine the desires of those residing in the District boundaries.