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## **Riverside Orange Corridor Authority Meeting (ROCA)**

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### **ROCA Members Present**

*Jeff Miller, Chairman  
Carolyn Cavecche, Vice Chair  
Steve Adams  
Bill Campbell  
Richard Dixon  
Paul Engstrom for  
Michael A. Perovich  
Peter Herzog  
John Tavaglione  
Jim Thor  
Cindy Quon*

### **Other Attendees**

*Eric Haley, RCTC, Executive Director  
Arthur T. Leahy, OCTA, Chief Executive Officer  
Cathy Bechtel, RCTC, Project Director  
Steve DeBaun, RCTC, Legal Counsel  
Kennard R. Smart, Jr., OCTA, General Counsel  
Laurena Weinert, OCTA, Assistant Clerk of the Board  
Mary Burton, OCTA, Deputy Clerk of the Board  
OCTA and RCTC staff and members of the General Public*

### **ROCA Members Absent**

*None*

## **Call to Order**

The February 2, 2007, meeting of the Riverside Orange Corridor Authority was called to order by ROCA Chairman Miller at 8:33 a.m. at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 600 South Main Street, First Floor – Room 154.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Member Adams led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

## **Special Calendar**

There were no Special Calendar matters.

## **Consent Calendar (Items 1 and 2)**

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Member Campbell, seconded by Member Adams, and declared passed by those present, to approve minutes of the September 8, 2006, Riverside Orange Corridor Authority meeting.

### **2. Proposed Riverside Orange Corridor Authority Meeting Calendar for the Year 2007**

A motion was made by Member Campbell, seconded by Member Adams, and declared passed by those present, to adopt the Riverside Orange Corridor Authority meeting calendar for the year 2007.

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### **Regular Calendar**

There were no Regular Calendar matters.

### **Other Matters**

#### **3. Grant Status**

Cathy Bechtel, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), Project Delivery Director, reported on the ROCA funding, which RCTC is responsible for administrating. The Committee had no comments or questions.

#### **4. Riverside Orange Corridor Authority Website Update**

Tamara Warren, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Public Communications Officer, and John Standiford, RCTC, Public Affairs Director, demonstrated how the public could access ROCA information on the OCTA and RCTC websites, which was requested by ROCA Chairman Miller.

Discussion ensued from the ROCA Members regarding consideration of a ROCA search engine and separate domain name and creating a link to the Transportation Corridor Agencies' website, which provides alternative commuting options to the 133, 241, and 261 toll roads while the 91 corridor is under construction.

#### **5. Update on National Forest Service Application/Permit Process**

Tony Rahimian, Project Manager Consultant, reported that the permit application to conduct the geotechnical study within the Cleveland National Forest was submitted on January 26, 2007.

Discussion ensued that the date for obtaining the permit is not known due to the involved process, and ROCA agencies agreed that the Forest Service could use their own consultants to review the environmental clearance of sites, which could expedite the process.

ROCA Vice Chairman Cavecche requested that the Congressional Delegation be informed about the permit status and process. ROCA Chairman Miller agreed and requested that a letter be drafted for his and ROCA Vice Chairman Cavecche's signatures. He also suggested follow-up phone calls.

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**6. Geotechnical Study Status**

Tony Rahimian, Project Manager Consultant, reported that a Request for Proposal was submitted by RCTC on behalf of the ROCA. The scope of work includes a geotechnical field investigation by boring for soil samples in no more than five locations along the proposed transportation alignment, as defined by the Major Investment Study.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Rahimian and the Members regarding the status of the Metropolitan Water District's borings, the geotechnical study to determine the viability of a surface road or tunnel alternatives, the ROCA borings that will range from 200 to 1500 feet deep, and timelines once the contract has been awarded. Joint use of this tunnel is still a possibility.

**7. ROCA Members' Reports**

There were no ROCA Members' reports.

**8. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**9. Closed Session**

There was no Closed Session conducted.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Riverside Orange Corridor Authority will be held at **10:00 a.m. on May 18, 2007**, at the City of Corona – City Hall, City Council Chambers – First Floor, 400 South Vicentia Avenue, Corona, California.

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Laurena Weinert  
OCTA Assistant Clerk of the Board

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Jeff Miller  
ROCA Chairman