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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  
Jerry Amante  
Bill Campbell  
Peter Herzog  
Michael A. Perovich  
Cindy Quon*

### **Other Attendees**

*Anne Mayer, RCTC, Executive Director  
Arthur T. Leahy, OCTA, Chief Executive Officer  
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**

*Richard Dixon  
John Tavaglione*

## **Call to Order**

The March 21, 2008, meeting of the Riverside Orange Corridor Authority was called to order by ROCA Chairman Miller at 10:16 a.m. at the City of Corona – City Hall, City Council Chambers – First Floor, 400 South Vicentia Avenue, Corona, California.

## **Special Calendar**

There were no Special Calendar matters.

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

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

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chair Cavecche, seconded by Member Campbell, and declared passed by those present, to approve minutes of the November 30, 2007, Riverside Orange Corridor Authority meeting.

### **2. Proposed Riverside Orange Corridor Authority Meeting Calendar for the Year 2008**

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chair Cavecche, seconded by Member Campbell, and declared passed by those present, to adopt the Riverside Orange Corridor Authority meeting calendar for the year 2008.

## **Regular Calendar**

There were no Regular Calendar matters.

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### **Discussion Items**

#### **3. Regional Transportation Plan Update**

Michael Litschi, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Section Manager of Long-Range Strategies, reported that there were concerns regarding the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidelines, which required OCTA and Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) to identify full funding for the Corridor B (tunnel) project.

Clarification was received in writing from the FHWA regarding programming projects in the Southern California Association of Governments' 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). OCTA and RCTC could split the tunnel project into a study phase with a specific amount of money, and the balance of the project could go in the strategic plan of the RTP.

OCTA and RCTC have agreed to split the project into a study phase and construction phase, which would preserve the \$15.8 million in federal funds earmarked for studying the tunnel project.

Member Campbell complimented OCTA and RCTC staff for their work in clarifying the concerns.

#### **4. Update on Riverside County – Orange County Geotechnical Efforts**

Tony Rahimian, Consultant from RMC Inc., reported that the permit applications have been submitted to the United States (U.S.) Forest Service along with the borings plan.

The U.S. Forest Service staff anticipates that at least three of the boring sites will be have a permit by March 25, and drilling could begin by mid-April.

In addition, should everything stay on schedule; the feasibility study could be finalized by the end of 2009, and at that time, there could be a recommendation on the feasibility of the tunnel.

There was additional discussion regarding:

- The Metropolitan Water District (MWD) met with the feasibility study team to share their preliminary results, which have not been finalized. The preliminary recommendations are that the ground water condition is more favorable than what was originally anticipated; however, the rock mass condition is not as good as previously envisioned. The use of tunnel boring machines could be limited and blasting methods may be a feasible choice, which could take longer to construct and potentially result in more cost.

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**4. (Continued)**

- The MWD requested that RCTC or ROCA consider assisting them with their geotechnical studies with the federal funds that Congressmen Calvert and Miller set aside for this project. RCTC had determined that it would not be an appropriate use of those funds.

**5. ROCA Members' Reports**

There were no ROCA Members' reports.

**6. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**7. Closed Session**

There was no Closed Session conducted.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Riverside Orange Corridor Authority is scheduled for **Friday, May 30, 2008**, and will be held at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 600 South Main Street, First Floor – Room 154, Orange, California.

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Laurena Weinert  
OCTA Assistant Clerk of the Board

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Jeff Miller  
ROCA Chairman