What is CVAG?

Coachella Valley Associations of Governments

Formed in 1973 under California’s Joint Powers Law.

CVAG is composed of:

- 10 Incorporated Cities
  - Blythe, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs and Rancho Mirage

- Some Unincorporated areas of Riverside County

- 3 Sovereign Native American Tribes
  - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
  - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
  - Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
CVAG was created to address issues with Coachella Valley wide significance on a metropolitan basis:
- Transportation, Air Quality, Energy & Environment, and Human Services

CVAG is the Transportation Authority for the Coachella Valley

CVAG works with Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) on regional planning

Great Working Relationship with UCR
Schools By Design CVAG
Project Summary

- Catherine McMillan
- October 2005, submission of Grant Application
- May 19, 2006, Caltrans approved the Grant for a total of $249,946.
- Project began in January 2007.
- GIS mapping of the School Districts
  - Showing boundaries of each district.
- Utilization of Origin & Destination Study
  - Analyze school site design and traffic patterns for surrounding areas
- Formation of Steering Committee
- Development of Survey to determine school site, safety, and traffic problems
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Project Summary cont.

- Survey Results
  - Draft summary report
    - Reviewed, additional input and comments by
      - school administrators, city planners, and transportation staff.

- Public Forum
  - Presented findings

- Draft MOU

- Final Project Report
  - Circulate MOU
Schools By Design CVAG Partnerships

- Funding Partnership
  - Caltrans-Community Based Transportation Planning Grant

- Working Partnership
  - University of California, Riverside
    - Blakely Center for Sustainable Suburban Development
  - School Districts:
    - Coachella Valley Unified
    - Desert Sand Unified
    - Palm Springs Unified
  - Cities: Blythe, Indio, Cathedral City, La Quinta, Coachella, Palm Desert, Desert Hot Springs, Palm Springs, Indian Wells & Rancho Mirage
  - Riverside County Department of Public Health
What’s next?

- Circulation of Report & MOU through CVAG committees for approval.
  - Human & Community Resources Committee (HCRC)
    - Elected Officials
  - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
    - City Managers
  - Executive Committee
    - Mayors & City Managers
  - Approval of MOU by Stakeholders
Establish first meeting

- Schedule meeting date
- Agenda
  - School By Designs Committee (Stakeholders)
  - Nomination of Chair & Vice Chair
  - Future Schools in the next 5, 10, & 15 years
  - Proposed Key Elements
  - Future Funding
  - Find a Home & Reporting Agency
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The Future…

- CVAG undergoing Goal & Objective Process for FY 2009-2010
  - Public Safety Committee
  - Request that Schools by Design project be expanded to include a Coachella Valley Wide “Safe Routes to School” Master plan.
  - Apply for the Caltrans 2010/2011 Community-based Transportation Planning Grant to execute the plan.
  - Once the plan is complete, each member jurisdiction could submit their portion of the Master Plan to compete for State and Federal Safe Routes to School grant funds
    - New Infrastructure or Infrastructure improvements
    - Provide bicycle, pedestrian and traffic safety improvements
Thank you!