

Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) CV Link Community Connectors (CVLCC)
Round Three Workshop Summary

Round Three Virtual Workshop: Top 15 Connectors	
Date:	Wednesday, January 21st, 2026
Time:	5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Location:	Virtual – Zoom Meeting
Attendance:	39 attendees (including Project Team & interpreter) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31 Attendees • 7 Project Team Members • 1 Spanish interpreter
Attendees:	<p>Agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Desert Hot Springs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Travis Clark (<i>Community Development Director</i>) • City of Indio <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gustavo Gomez (<i>Principal Planner</i>) • County of Riverside Transportation Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jesse Mendoza (<i>Technical Engineering Supervisor</i>) ○ Marisela Pablo (<i>Senior Engineering Technician</i>) • Palm Springs Active Transportation Subcommittee of the Sustainability Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fred Ross (<i>Committee Member</i>) ○ Jim Flanagan (<i>Committee Member</i>) <p>Businesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Wheels Tours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agata Moreira • Poolside Realty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Russell Hill <p>CBOs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desert Bicycle Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Calista Wiebusch (community member) • Friends of CV Link <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jim Rothblatt

	<p>Community Members/Other Stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alejandro Lopez • Ana Torres • Andres Quino • Bernardo Lino • Chris Gerry • Conchita Pozar • Esperanza Segura • Francisca Meraz • Lili • Jeffrey Griffin • José P • Krystle Vega • Larissa Sinclair • Luz Elias • Michelle Soto • Narcisa Astorga • Philip Jones • Selene Perea • Sergio Fernandez • Vidal Velazquez • Yolanda Garcia
Recording	CVLCC_Virtual Community Workshop Video Recording_01.21.26
Meeting Slides	CVLCC_Virtual Community Workshop Presentation Slides_01.21.26
Summary	
Key Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong Alignment with Project Goals: Poll results show overwhelming support for the project’s focus on pedestrian and bicycle safety, non-vehicular access, and everyday connectivity, with 95% of respondents indicating the project aligns well or very well with what matters to them. • High Interest in Specific Community Connectors: Polls identified strong interest across multiple connectors, especially Connectors #4, #5, #6, #7, #26, #41, and #42. • Need for Clarity, Comfort, and User Experience: Participants highlighted the importance of clearer route information, intuitive wayfinding, shaded connectors (trees), and access to recreational and culturally significant destinations to make the network usable and appealing across seasons. • CV Link Safety as the Top Priority: Questions from attendees and open-ended poll responses consistently emphasized safety concerns, particularly at high-speed crossings, intersections with limited signalization, and along on-street connectors. Participants also raised concerns about high speeds on the CV Link involving e-bikes and electric vehicles.

Q&A

Community Connectors Related Feedback:

- **Jim Rothblatt (Friends of CV Link):** Is this project going to include the development of the CV Link Community Connectors through Rancho Mirage and Indian Wells?
 - **Peter Satin (CVAG):** Yes, CVAG coordinated with both cities to identify cycling and pedestrian paths through their cities that would connect to some of the other Community Connectors to provide access to entrances to the CV Link that are currently established. We were specifically looking at Connectors on surface streets, so the CV Link mainline itself was not part of what we were investigating for this project.
 - **Jenny An (CR Associates):** I agree with Peter as that is an important clarification. If you imagine the CV Link as one spine, we are not reevaluating that project, but rather we are looking at connections back and across the Coachella Valley for the Community Connectors.

- **Fred Ross (Palm Springs Active Transportation Subcommittee):** Can you tell us where and what the end points are for Community Connector #7?
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 - **Sasha Jovanovic (CR Associates):** The endpoint is Avenida Caballeros on the western terminus, and it connects to a North to South Connector along Avenida Caballeros. It is separated on the map shown on the screen as it is a different project, but it is a part of the Connector network. The southern terminus is Araby Street, where it also has a connector alignment recommended. Peter, is that correct?
 - Peter Satin (CVAG): Yes, it is Araby Wash.

- **Russell Hill (Poolside Realty):** Does Community Connector #7 go to the Palm Springs Convention Center?
 - **Peter Satin (CVAG):** No, it does not go there directly, but it will get you close to a local side street that can get you to the Convention Center itself.

- **Fred Ross (Palm Springs Active Transportation Subcommittee):** Is there a place to see the actual roads the Community Connectors are aligned with?
 - **Peter Satin (CVAG):** We do not currently have it, but once we have all our rankings, community data, and agency data together, we can then certainly explore options to make those available to view for you. One of the deliverables will be an overarching conceptual plan that will identify each of these specific connectors, including those connectors that did not make the top 15 ranks shown on the map in yellow. That information will be available in the future.

- **Jim Rothblatt (Friends of CV Link):** For Community Connector#2 along Indian Canyon Road and at the CV Link crossing, there is a flashing red light that is more dangerous than if it were a regular light because there are drivers in the morning that drive right through the crossing without even stopping. CV Link riders and pedestrians cannot rely on these drivers to stop, even though it is a flashing red light to stop. It is a busy intersection for commuting to work with a high speed of 55 MPH, so it is dangerous with only that blinking light.
 - **Peter Satin (CVAG):** Thank you, we appreciate the feedback and we will make sure that that gets to our operations & maintenance team as well.

- **Agata Moreira (Big Wheels Tours):** We send a lot of our customers that come to rent bikes at our shop towards the CV Link in Palm Springs and something that a lot of them tell us is that it's a little confusing to know where to go around the golf course part. It might be Community Connector #7 in that area.
 - **Peter Satin (CVAG):** Thank you, we appreciate the feedback, and we will make sure that that gets to our operations and maintenance team.

CV Link Related Feedback:

- **Calista Wiebusch (Desert Bicycle Club):** In my experience, the CV Link crosses some busy street intersections without a signal crossing option. How are you addressing this?
 - **Peter Satin (CVAG):** This project is a planning project where we are identifying where routes will be well situated. However, issues like signal crossings and timings are an operational concern, and we hear you on those concerns crossing busy streets. As we move through some of the more specific technical design criteria on these Community Connectors, we have been considering what kind of signal modifications we need to incorporate into these Connectors as we move forward. Regarding your specific question regarding the CV Link, I would direct you to our CV Link Operations and Management team. We can give that email to you and alert them of which crossing you are concerned about, and we will make sure it enters our operations and maintenance queue.

- **Larissa Sinclair (Salton Sea Community Member):** It seems logical that a strong ending point is the Salton Sea for the CV Link mainline extension. Are you collaborating with those communities and organizations as well or at least attending their meetings? These include the Salton Sea Management Program, Salton Sea Authority, North Shore/Mecca board meetings, and the California State Park.
 - **Peter Satin (CVAG):** We do have a separate study that CVAG is conducting to extend the CV Link mainline to the Salton Sea, Mecca, and North Shore communities. The project is in process,

and the team has been conducting outreach for it. We did plan at least one Connector to branch from where the CV Link extension is potentially going to be, and that Connector connects to the community of Oasis and allows folks to get to their services in that area. Once the CV Link is built and the alignment is identified, residents can get from their community to the CV Link and elsewhere as necessary.

- **Larissa Sinclair (Salton Sea Community Member):** The CV Link needs to be interesting to people to make them want to go from Palm Springs to Salton Sea, as most do not want to end up in Oasis. For more people to use it and for the CV Link to collaborate on more grants, CVAG should share more benefits of the CV Link to the community from multiple aspects.
- **Peter Satin (CVAG):** Thank you for your feedback, Larissa. It is under consideration and we are looking to extend the CV Link mainline to the Salton Sea and beyond.

Other Feedback:

- **Jim Rothblatt (Friends of CV Link):** Can we access the collision data, and does it show biking and pedestrian collisions?
 - **Peter Satin (CVAG):** There is an existing condition report on the CoachellaValleylink.org website that has the collision data available at the time of collection earlier this year. You can navigate to the Community Connectors Project and scroll down to an existing conditions collisions report.
 - **Sasha Jovanovic (CR Associates):** The source for the collision data that was used is in the public domain. You will need to sign up with a free account to view the data, but you can get access to an online map viewer where you can enter different attributes and filters to look at the data. As for this project, our collision data are within a 5-year period and that was most recently available as of the time of the existing conditions report.

Poll Results

#1	<p>Have you heard about the CV Link Community Connectors project?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yes: 18 (72%) ● No: 7 (28%) ● <i>Total: 25 Responses</i> <p>Have you participated in a past activity/event?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yes: 11(44%) ● No: 14 (56%) ● <i>Total: 25 Responses</i>
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#2

This project focuses on improving pedestrian and bicycle safety, non-vehicular access, and more direct connections to everyday destinations.

How well does this align with what matters to you?

- Very Well: 13 (59%)
- Well: 8 (36%)
- Somewhat: 1 (5%)
- Not at all: 0 (0%)
- *Total: 22 Responses*

Are there any additional factors we should keep in mind as this project moves forward? (Open-ended response)

- *Total: 22 Responses*
- Key Themes*
 - Safety:
 - Safety is a priority for pedestrians and riders of the CV Link due to dangerous drivers near crossings.
 - Concerns for e-bikes and four-wheeled vehicles on the CV Link due to their speeds.
 - Bike riders want dedicated lanes on street connectors for safety.
 - Other:
 - More trees are needed for natural shade during hotter seasons.
 - Access to recreation opportunities and historically significant sites is important.

**Refer to full poll results linked above to view the individual responses*

#3

Which Community Connector are you or your organization most interested in supporting as the project moves forward? (Select up to 3)

Poll 3A:

- Connector #4: 7 (32%)
- Connector #5: 7 (32%)
- Connector #6: 7 (32%)
- Connector #7: 7 (32%)
- Connector #2: 6 (27%)
- Connector #8: 4 (18%)
- None of the above: 2 (9%)

Poll 3B: 23 Responses)

- Connector #42: 13 (57%)
- Connector #26: 8 (35%)
- Connector #41: 7 (30%)
- Connector #20: 6 (26%)
- Connector #13: 5 (22%)
- Connector #14: 5 (22%)
- Connector #18: 4 (17%)
- Connector #9: 4 (17%)
- Connector #25: 2 (9%)
- None of the above: 2 (9%)
- *Total: (23 Responses)*

*Refer to image of Top 15 connectors [here](#)