

## CV Link - Measure 4 Argument

In 2002 Riverside County voters approved Measure A, a ½ cent increase in our sales taxes. Measure A mandates that this money “will be used for State highways and regional road improvements.” The Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) will receive about \$19 million of these Measure A funds during FY 2015-2016 and CVAG plans to give \$20 million to CV Link.

CVAG is currently rewriting the rules to build an argument in support of their effort to divert over \$20 million of our Measure A funds to help build the brand new CV Link; money which was promised to be spent on repairing and replacing dilapidated roadways, intersections and bridges in the Coachella Valley. Never before have our Regional Measure A funds been spent on an utterly brand new project.

CVAG is charged with protecting our Regional Measure A funds and distributing them among the 250 identified and prioritized unsafe roadways in the Coachella Valley. With the advent of the CV Link, however, CVAG has abandoned its role as a sentry guarding our Regional Measure A funds to becoming the fox guarding the hen house. CVAG was entrusted to protect our funds and it has failed.

CVAG justifies this abandonment of established policy in favor of constructing two lanes of travel (7' wide each) on the CV Link for Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEVs). NEVs must be licensed and insured, have turn signals, capable of reaching 25MPH, etc.

Furthermore, as CVAG concedes, there are only 440 NEVs registered in the Coachella Valley; most are probably being used commercially. They are a dying breed of vehicle according to CVAG and sales authorities in the field. As CVAG's NEV Plan states, “the NEV fleet has not grown over the last decade.”

We recommend a “No” vote on this effort to misuse Measure A funds.