



North Los Angeles County
Transportation Coalition

RECAP OF PROCEEDINGS

Antelope Valley Transit Authority, Community Room
 42210 6th Street West, Lancaster CA 93534

Monday, July 22, 2019 - 1:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Marv Crist called meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Directors Present:

- Chair, Vice Mayor Marvin Crist, City of Lancaster
- 1st Vice Chair Marsha McLean, City of Santa Clarita
- Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th Supervisorial District, County of Los Angeles
- Mark Pestrella, Director of Public Works, County of Los Angeles
- Victor Lindenheim, Golden State Gateway Coalition, County of Los Angeles
- Jason Caudle, City Manager, City of Lancaster
- Raj Malhi, Councilmember City of Lancaster (Alternate)
- Steve Hofbauer, Councilmember, City of Palmdale
- Austin Bishop, Councilmember. City of Palmdale
- Bob Kellar, Councilmember, City of Santa Clarita
- Robert Newman, Director of Public Works, City of Santa Clarita
- Macy Neshati, AVTA, non-voting member
- Adrian Aguilar, Santa Clarita Transit, non-voting member
- Dave Perry, County of Los Angeles, Alternate (Present and not voting)

Staff Present:

- Executive Director – Arthur V. Sohikian, AVS Consulting, Inc.
- Legal Counsel – Warren R. Wellen, County of Los Angeles County Counsel

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Pledge led by Director Hofbauer

VOTING LEGEND

- Y=YES ABS=Abstain
- N=NO C=Conflict
- A=Absent

4A. **APPROVED APPROVE MINUTES/MEETING RECAP OF PROCEEDINGS**

Review and Approve January 14, 2019 Board of Director’s Minutes/Board Meeting Recap of Proceedings.

- B. MEMBER AGENCY TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT PROJECT UPDATES**
- C. MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM UPDATE**
- D. HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR PROJECT UPDATE**

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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		



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5. **RECEIVED AND FILED** CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL & SHERIFFS NORTH COUNTY UPDATE

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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		

6. **APPROVED** APPROVE FY 2019-20 BUDGET AND NCTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SIGNING AUTHORITY (\$5,000.00)

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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		

7. **RECEIVED AND FILED** METROLINK NORTH COUNTY UPDATE

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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		

8. METRO REGIONAL RAIL ANTELOPE VALLEY LINE STUDY UPDATE

FAILED Director Bishop Substitute Motion, second by Director Malhi

- Support the recommendations in Caltrans "Traffic Safety and Operational Analysis Report" dated July 1, 2019 which identifies the SR 14 Bottleneck improvements.
- Prioritize the SR 14 Bottleneck improvements above the High Desert Corridor Improvements, and the Antelope Valley Metrolink Line Improvements which were recently identified in the study completed by Metro.
- Direct NCTC staff to coordinate with Metro staff on the reprogramming of the \$270 million in High Desert Corridor right of way money to the SR 14 Bottleneck improvements.
- Direct NCTC staff to program all available Measure M subregional funds previously allocated to the Antelope Valley Metrolink Line to the SR 14 Bottleneck improvements.

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Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N		

APPROVED Motion by Directors McLean and Hofbauer to support the July 25, 2019 Metro Board of Directors Item 5 & Item 5.1 regarding the Antelope Valley Line Study (below), which allocates \$12.75M in Measure M Multi-Subregional Program (MSP) funds from the NCTC North County Subregion as follows:

Metro Board of Directors July 25, 2019
Agenda Item 5.1 Motion by Directors Barger, Najarian, Krekorian



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Two recently completed MTA studies, the Metrolink Antelope Valley Line (AVL) Study and the LA-Burbank- Glendale Feasibility Study, recommend both short and mid-term goals to ultimately increase frequency to 30-minute headways with bi-directional service throughout the day. Short term improvements require \$41.8 million in capital improvements and \$4 million more in annual costs. Mid-term improvements would require approximately \$180 million in capital costs, mainly for double-tracking identified in the AVL study as 4 projects.

To get these projects through environmental clearance and shovel ready, staff has estimated that \$12.75 million is required. Shovel-ready is an important benchmark to position these projects for grant funding opportunities. Implementation of Scenarios 1 through 3 in the Antelope Valley Line Study will significantly improve service, as detailed in both studies.

The AVL plays a critical role in connecting North Los Angeles County, Union Station and cities in between. It carries the third highest ridership in Metrolink's commuter rail system, and growing, reducing the equivalent of one lane of traffic from major freeways during peak commute hours, and removing approximately 1,000,000 weekday automobile trips per year.

Since the implementation of a now permanent fare reduction program in 2015, the AVL is the only rail transit line in Los Angeles County that has seen consistent, month-over-month ridership growth. As of last year, revenues from this ridership growth surpassed Metro's cost to subsidize the program. In many ways, the AVL is a model for the current regional rail system and it will play a critical role in unlocking regional mobility, as outlined in the State Rail Plan and Metrolink's SCORE program. It also faces serious physical constraints that limit its optimal performance.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE METRO BOARD:

- A. Support implementation of Scenarios 1 through 3, as detailed in the Antelope Valley Line Study, and prioritize the Balboa Siding Project so as to open up the expedited delivery of hourly commuter rail service between North Los Angeles County and Los Angeles Union Station;
- B. Direct the CEO and staff to coordinate with Metrolink on the implementation of Scenarios 1 through 3 and the inclusion and prioritization of the capital projects detailed therein as part of Metrolink's SCORE program;
- C. Authorize the programming of \$6.6 million in unprogrammed FY18-22 Multi-year Subregional Programming (MSP) Transit Program funds and \$6.15 million in FY23 MSP Transit Program funds from the North County Subregion, in order to bring the capital projects included in Scenarios 1 through 3 to "shovel-ready" status, and direct the CEO to report back to the Board in October with project development plans, cash flow considerations, and associated operating costs;**
- D. Direct the CEO to coordinate with Metrolink on a discretionary grant strategy, and with the North County Subregion on additional local funding options that could be leveraged, to fully fund the remaining construction costs of the capital projects included in Scenarios 1 through 3, and include an update in the October report back to the Board;
- E. Support the implementation of a diesel, electric, battery electric, or hybrid multiple unit train pilot program on the Antelope Valley Line and direct the CEO to coordinate with Metrolink in the pursuit of grant funding opportunities that focus on the offsetting of mobile source pollution in order to implement the pilot program, and;



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F. Direct the CEO to work in partnership with Metrolink to engage appropriate state agencies and the private sector on additional strategies in order to implement the above directives and unlock the service potential of the Antelope Valley Line, in support of the integrated service goals laid out in the State Rail Plan.

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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		

9. CALTRANS HIGHWAYS PROJECT UPDATES

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Public Speakers: Reverend Glen Oyen, Barbara Rogers, Denise Shippy, Jeff Zimmerman, Oso Town Council delivers 7/22/19 letter to NCTC Board of Director regarding NW SR138 improvements.

Board Directed NCTC staff to work with Oso Town Council and Neenach residents on transportation safety improvements to the NW SR138. Staff will work with Caltrans, Metro, LA County Public Works on traffic calming measures such as signage, median and shoulder delineators and other traffic safety options. Staff will work with State Legislative Representatives and California Highway Patrol for additional CHP enforcement.

Caltrans Kenneth Young reported the following regarding the NW SR 138: The improvements at the intersection of SR-138 and 60th Street West and 90th Street West, respectively, are in the planning stage; the Project Initiation Document is currently in progress with anticipated completion by Winter 2021. The expected completion of the traffic signal at SR-138 and 90th Street West is in 2022, while the installation of the single lane roundabout at SR-138 and 60th Street is anticipated for completion in 2024.

10. METRO HIGHWAYS PROJECT UPDATES

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11. CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL UPDATE

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MC	MM	KB	MP	VL	JC	RM	SH	AB	BK	RN		
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		

12. NCTC CA HIGH SPEED RAIL POSITION PAPER

APPROVED ADOPT POSITION/DIRECT STAFF

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NCTC will draft letters to the CA High Speed Rail Authority for each segment within NCTC jurisdiction – the Bakersfield to Palmdale segment and the Palmdale to Burbank segment.

13. NCTC BOARD OFFICERS – Move Election of Board Officers to Oct 21, 2019 meeting

APPROVED

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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

APPROVED

Recommended Action:

1. Receive and File Executive Director FY2018-19 Performance Review.
2. Extend the term of the Professional Consultant Services contract between the NCTC and AVS Consulting, Inc. by one year, from July 23, 2019 to July 22, 2020 increasing the total compensation for the 12 months to \$75,000.
3. Authorize the NCTC Board Chair to execute the Amendment to the Professional Consultant Services Agreement with AVS Consulting, Inc.

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14. NCTC BOARD MEMBER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Hofbauer asked for an update at the October 21, 2019 NCTC Board of Directors meeting on the Measure M MSP SR14 Capacity Enhancements/Operational Improvements Project.

15. METRO LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

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16. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Speakers: Yvonne Mulakowski. Jason Zink

17. ADJOURNMENT

Director McLean applauded the work of retiring City Intergovernmental Relations Officer Michael Murphy for his years of dedicated outstanding public service to the City of Santa Clarita.

NCTC July 22, 2019 meeting was adjourned at 2:51pm.

Next Meeting, October 21, 2019, 1pm

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