



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**ARROYO VERDUGO COMMUNITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

Thursday, November 1, 2018 - 4:00 p.m.  
City of La Cañada Flintridge Council Chambers  
1327 Foothill Boulevard  
La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair McAustin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**II. FLAG SALUTE**

**III. PRESENTATIONS**

Phil Washington led the Pledge of Allegiance

**IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**V. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Report from Phil Washington, CEO, Metro**

Chair McAustin thanked Metro for the funding and asked if there were any ways to accelerate funding. She commended Mr. Washington on his leadership.

Phil Washington, Metro CEO, summarized the 5 Point Plan:

1. Implement Mobility Innovation;
2. Capture the Hearts and Minds of the People;
3. Embrace Equity;
4. Fostering Continuing Improvement; and
5. Step into the Leadership Voids.

He stated they were pleased to have the funds flow through the JPA.

Chair McAustin thanked Mr. Washington for the overview.

Member Walker discussed the recent Metro meeting and approval of funds for the soundwall.

In response to Member Walker, Mr. Washington stated they had not received unsolicited proposals from cities but would entertain them. Member Walker

discussed limited transportation and asked if there would be a connector from the Foothills. Mr. Washington explained the Next Gen study to evaluate new needs and welcomed input from the JPA. He discussed the need to complete a holistic review of bus service. Member Walker asked if consideration was given to bus transit or rail lanes in the 210 update. Mr. Washington discussed the County wide Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) consideration in the Measure M plan. In response to Member Walker, Mr. Washington discussed the college preparation transportation school at Vermont and Manchester in South L.A. He stated Metro had convened rail manufacturers to discuss the idea of rail manufacturing.

Member Devine asked if the Next Gen study included light rail through Glendale. Mr. Washington stated the study related only to bus service. Member Devine discussed the possibility of a street car from Glendale to Burbank. Mr. Washington stated LA was pursuing a street car. Member Devine asked Mr. Washington's opinion on a streetcar from Glendale to Burbank. Mr. Washington stated it would require study. He discussed requirements for the location of a rail manufacturing. Member Devine commended Metro.

Member Khubesrian thanked Mr. Washington for working with the JPA on Measure M. She discussed transportation in New York. She expressed excitement about the holistic approach to transportation. She compared the circulatory system to the transportation system. She discussed the 35% of Measure M funds going towards affordable housing. Mr. Washington explained that 35% of Metro's housing portfolio would be affordable. Member Khubesrian discussed Alhambra and Pasadena working together on the Measure R Early Action Program list. She asked the process for funding. Mr. Washington stated the projects were being reviewed and cities should hear in the next 60 days.

Member Springer asked about Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and autonomy. Mr. Washington stated the technology for autonomy was available but regulations might slow it down. He discussed the opportunity for private sector innovation. Member Springer asked the timing of double track. Mr. Washington explained that Metro funded Metrolink but did not operate it. He explained Score double track projects and indicated he would provide the timing of those projects. Member Springer discussed her experience with transportation to LAX. Mr. Washington stated there should be rail at every airport.

Member Perry commended Mr. Washington on behalf of the Supervisor for his leadership and vision. He discussed the Board of Supervisors motion to work with Metro to survey L.A. County on an incentives program. He discussed the Supervisor's support of double tracking.

Chair McAustin asked when the Board would take final action on the 710 EIR. Isidro Panucho, Highway Programs, stated the EIR would be taken to the Board in the next 60 days. He stated they interacted weekly with Caltrans.

Member Khubesrian expressed concern with team turnover and inaction during the transition. Mr. Washington stated they would continue to push Caltrans but Metro Board only had one remaining meeting in 2018.

Chair McAustin discussed the need to refresh the light rail stations. Mr. Washington stated they were starting with Long Beach Blue Line which was 25 years old. He estimated the Gold Line refresh in a couple of years. Chair McAustin expressed frustration with delayed funding. Mr. Washington stated they could review possibilities of accelerating funding.

Craig Oshe, L.A. Metro, discussed constraints related to the Measure M ordinance and expenditure plan. Chair McAustin asked about the use of Measure R funds. Mr. Oshe stated they were reviewing alternatives and reevaluating long-range transportation plan. Mr. Washington encouraged smaller public private partnerships (P3).

**B. Report from Metro Regarding the Metro North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project Presenter: Manjeet Rahu, Senior Executive Officer, Metro**

Manjeet Rahu, Senior Executive Officer at L.A. Metro, provided an overview of the North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Project, including public input, timeline, and environmental review.

Lillian De Loza-Gutierrez, Community Relations Manager, discussed comments received regarding alignment along Chandler, PCC in Pasadena, and light rail in Glendale.

Executive Director Wilson stated the subregion was told that it owned 90% of the lane miles and would be charged for that portion. Mr. Rahu stated he would get back with that information.

In response to Member Springer, Mr. Rahu discussed the potential for dedicated lanes on Olive and explained first and last mile connectivity.

Harry Leon, President of Crescenta Valley Town Council, requested the JPA support furthering the study and connecting the study of the 501 Lane from the Gold Line.

MOTION

Member Devine moved and Member Walker seconded a motion to receive and file the report. The motion carried unanimously.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion Minutes for the Meeting of August 2, 2018**

*Staff Recommendation:* To Approve Minutes of August 2, 2018

**B. Treasurer's Report**

*Staff Recommendation:* To Receive and File

MOTION

Member Perry moved and Member Khubesrian seconded a motion to approve Items A and B. The motion carried unanimously

**C. Verdugo Workforce Appointments**

*Staff Recommendation:* That the Governing Board Members of Burbank, Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge Approve the Appointment of Lee E. Cassidy to the Verdugo Workforce Development Board

Judith Velasco, Executive Director of Verdugo Workforce, discussed the current vacancy in the Labor Department and recommended appointment of Lee Cassidy.

Chair McAustin stated it was suggested that only Burbank, Glendale, and La Canada vote on the appointment. Executive Director Wilson explained the joint powers agreement for those agencies.

MOTION

Member Walker moved and Member Springer seconded a motion to appoint Lee Cassidy. The question was called and the motion carried 3-0-2, Member Perry and Chair McAustin abstained.

**VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Invitation from Metro to AVCJPA Governing Board to Nominate a Representative and Alternate to the Metro Policy Advisory Council**

*Staff Recommendation:* That the Governing Board Nominate the Executive Director as the Representative and Margaret Lin, Principal Management Analyst, City of

South Pasadena, and Chair of the AVCJPA Staff TAC as the Alternate to the Metro Policy Advisory Council.

Executive Director Wilson discussed the JPA's request to join the Metro Policy Advisory Council and nomination of a representative. She stated she would report out to the Governing Board and requested communication from the Board member or staff to carry forward needs.

Member Walker confirmed that the recommendation was to nominate the position of Executive Director.

#### MOTION

Member Devine moved and Member Springer seconded a motion to nominate the Executive Director as the Representative and Margaret Lin, Principal Management Analyst, City of South Pasadena, and Chair of the AVCJPA Staff TAC as the Alternate to the Metro Policy Advisory Council. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **B. Logo**

Presenter: Executive Director Wilson

*Staff Recommendation:* That the Governing Board Select a Logo or Give Staff Further Direction

Executive Director Wilson presented four alternatives for logos.

The Board discussed the various options and concurred with Options 2 and 4, in blue, smaller foothills, simple design, and including a transportation element.

### **VII.REPORTS – INFORMATION ONLY**

#### **A. Reports from AVCJPA Appointee**

1. SCAG Community, Economic & Human Development Committee – Alternate Robert Joe – Report Attached
2. SCAG Energy & Environment Committee – Member Paula Devine
3. SCAG Transportation Committee – Emily Gabel-Luddy – Report Attached

Member Gabel-Luddy reported on the recent SCAG Transportation Committee meeting, particularly advanced transportation technologies. She suggested each city ask about renewable natural gas standard for utility portfolio.

#### **B. Report from AVCJPA TAC Representative Presenter: David Kriske**

*Staff Recommendation:* To Receive and File

MOTION

Member Khubesrian moved and Member Devine seconded a motion to receive and file the reports. The motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS**

Member Devine stated Glendale was willing to host a holiday social and encouraged annual rotation. Executive Director Wilson discussed prior annual get togethers.

Member Perry requested Metro make a presentation on the Next Gen Bus Study. He discussed the On-Demand Pilot Service. Member Devine discussed the request of the Airport Authority to continue the bus service.

Chair McAustin suggested developing a webpage for the JPA. Executive Director Wilson expressed concern with cost and administration.

[The Governing Board returned to Item VIII C]

**C. Report from AVCJPA Executive Director (Oral) Presenter: Ann Wilson, Executive Director**

*Staff Recommendation:* To Receive and File

Executive Director Wilson provided the upcoming meeting dates. She discussed renewed insurance at a significantly reduced price. She announced the noticed public hearing for the upcoming meeting. She discussed the recent contract change order paid under Measure M funds.

**IX. ADJOURN**

Chair McAustin adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.



Ann Wilson, Executive Director