



Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES

ARROYO VERDUGO COMMUNITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Thursday, February 7, 2019 - 4:00 p.m.
City of La Cañada Flintridge Council Chambers
1327 Foothill Blvd.
La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. FLAG SALUTE

Member Devine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Margaret McAustin, Chair
Terry Walker, Vice-Chair
Paula Devine, Member
Marina Khubesrian, Member
David Perry, Member (Arrived at 4:04 p.m.)
Sharon Springer, Member

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

V. PRESENTATIONS *(items taken out of order)*

- B. Report from Metro Regarding the Mobility on Demand Project
Presenter: Emma Huang, Principal Transportation Planner, Metro
Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

Lillian De La Rosa Gutierrez, Community Relations Manager at Metro for the San Gabriel Valley, representing the new partnership with VIA, offering shared rides similar to Uber and Lyft type service, explained the twelve-month pilot program with option to extend one year. She presented goals, ride sharing and on demand services, availability of service to those without

smart phones or credit cards and handicapped riders. She discussed the three pilot stations, recent launch, and service areas.

In response to Member Devine, Ms. Gutierrez stated Glendale was not included.

Ms. Gutierrez explained the selected area based on first/last mile usage. She discussed the El Monte and Artesia stations. She discussed the rates for LIFE members and Tap cards, operation details, payment methods, and call in center serving multiple languages.

In response to Member Springer, Ms. Gutierrez stated the program launched one week ago. She stated TAP cards could not be used but rides were free until February 11.

Member Khubesrian asked how fares compared to other rideshare programs. Ms. Gutierrez stated Tap cards would be used to collect data. She stated increased marketing was coming and she suggested the members share information on their websites.

Chair McAustin discussed first mile/last mile efforts. Ms. Gutierrez discussed the Get Around program at other stations and Micro-Transit.

- A. Report from Metro Regarding the NextGen Bus Project
Presenter: Robert Calix, Sr. Manager, Transportation Planning, Comm. Dept.

Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

Robert Calix explained the NextGen Bus Project, four step study process, ridership population, public input, transit system coverage, trip distance, hours of operation, workshop format and follow-up, and next steps.

Member Devine discussed the information provided at SCAG regarding transportation and the need to educate and market different types of mobility. Mr. Calix discussed the importance of offering options.

Member Khubesrian commended Metro for the study. She asked how the workshops ensured inclusion of various perspectives. Mr. Calix explained the NextGen working group and inclusion of women's groups, various population groups, and elderly. He distributed fact sheets to the Board.

- C. Update from Metro Regarding the Metro North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project

Presenter: Manjeet Ranu, Senior Executive Officer, Metro

Manjeet Ranu, Metro Senior Executive Officer, updated the Board on the activity since November 2018.

Scott Hartwell presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Measure M project, including project background, initial concepts, community outreach efforts and input, and project preferences. He summarized the primary alternative of street running alignment along an 18-mile corridor, project benefits, opportunities for Arroyo Verdugo and next steps.

Member Devine asked the distance of freeway connections. Mr. Hartwell discussed the envisioned segments on the freeway. Member Devine expressed concern with removing one lane off each side of the street and impacts to traffic and parking. Mr. Hartwell stated they were leaning toward freeway running alignment and design options.

Chair McAustin discussed the dedicated bus lanes and expressed dissonance with the idea of rapid transit with so many stops. She questioned EIR outreach, particularly removing a lane on Colorado Boulevard. Mr. Hartwell discussed the flexibility of BRT, signal priority, limited stops, dedicated bus lanes and public input.

In response to Chair McAustin, Lillian De Loza-Gutierrez introduced Karen Smith, her counterpart for San Fernando Valley, and discussed the public outreach efforts.

Chair McAustin suggested the problem would be the non-bus riders. Lillian De Loza-Gutierrez discussed efforts to inform residents. Chair McAustin stated the project represented a big change. Lillian De Loza-Gutierrez requested assistance in advancing their equity program.

Member Khubesrian discussed the location of South Pasadena between Eagle Rock and Pasadena and requested information on how to get their residents involved in providing feedback. Lillian De Loza-Gutierrez reminded the Authority of the effort to ensure limited stops. Member Khubesrian suggested the need to consider the impending climate crisis.

Director Wilson asked about the discussion at the PAC regarding the possibility of 28 projects to be completed by 2028. She expressed concern regarding SCVCOG using MSP or local return funds. She asked if it was the same project and if it was fully funded or if Subregional MSP Measure M funds or local return funds would be requested. Mr. Ranu stated it was a

major project funded from Measure M. He discussed bids for the Gold Line Extension and Metros' cost containment policy, looking for subregional funds. He explained the triggers in the cost containment policy. Director Wilson stated her understanding was that the Authority would have to agree to use of its funds. Mr. Ranu discussed the consideration of value engineering and possibility of the project not going as far east as planned.

Chair McAustin confirmed that local return money could not be taken without consent. Mr. Ranu explained the 3% contribution for rail projects, which this was not. Chair McAustin expressed concern about Metro being able to take back Metro return dollars. Director Wilson stated the PAC was writing a letter jointly to the Board to ensure consent was required for BRT funds. Mr. Ranu discussed Board direction for staff to come up with 28 by 2028 funding. He discussed conversations regrading congestion pricing and Board's discussions to reimagining LA County.

Chair McAustin reiterated the Authority's informal response regarding local return funds. Director Wilson recalled that some City Councils had made the decision to support Measure M based on receipt of substantial local return.

In response to Director Wilson, Mr. Ranu confirmed that the Project for I-5 North enhancement was North County.

Member Perry asked about grant funding. Mr. Hartwell confirmed that SP1 funds were received.

Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File.

- D.** Report from SCAG Regarding the SCAG 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)
Presenter: Kome Ajise, Director of Planning, SCAG
Presenter: Jon Curtis, Regional Council Member, SCAG, District 36 (representing cities of La Cañada Flintridge, Pasadena and South Pasadena) and Councilmember, City of La Cañada Flintridge

Director Wilson stated she had asked Regional Council Member Jon Curtis to attend but he was unable to attend.

Kome Ajise, Director of Planning for SCAG, outlined SCAG's role as the largest MPO in the Country and issues dealt with at SCAG. He outlined the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, update requirements,

reasons to update the plan, Federal requirements, and advanced modeling capacity.

Member Springer left at 5:30 pm.

Jon Curtis arrived at 5:30 pm.

Mr. Ajise discussed the Plan coinciding with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). He added that the role of technology needed to be considered. He highlighted new policy areas with an emphasis on resiliency and system preservation, and half a trillion dollars in revenues and investments, mostly from local sources.

Member Devine left at 5:41 pm.

Mr. Ajise discussed the financial forecast, Highway Trust Fund, and overview of the schedule.

Chair McAustin thanked Mr. Ajise for the presentation.

MOTION

Member Khubesrian moved and Member Perry seconded a motion to receive and file Items 5A through D. The motion carried 4-0, Member Devine and Member Springer absent.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Director Wilson provided a proposed correction to the minutes of November 1, 2018.

- A. Approval of the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion Minutes for the Meeting of November 1, 2018
Staff Recommendation:
To Approve Minutes of November 1, 2018
- B. Approval of the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion Minutes for the Meeting of December 6, 2018
- C. Treasurer's Report from AVCJPA Treasurer Rebekka Hosken
Staff Recommendation:
Receive and File
- D. Resolution Establishing Time, Place and Dates of Regular AVCJPA Meetings
Presenter: Executive Director Wilson
Motion: To Approve the Resolution

MOTION

Member Perry moved and Member Khubesrian seconded a motion to approve Consent Calendar. The motion carried 4-0, Member Devine and Member Springer absent.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A.** Update to Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program Plan Submittal Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program Plan Submittal listed in the attached report from Cambridge Systematics.

Director Wilson discussed South Pasadena's changes to the MSP projects previously approved to ensure timely and effective cost delivery. She stated the required forms were submitted to Metro on January 31 and any changes would be presented to the Authority.

MOTION

Member Khubesrian moved and Member Walker seconded a motion to approve revisions to previously approved Measure M. The motion carried 4-0, Member Devine and Member Springer absent.

IX. REPORTS – INFORMATION ONLY

- A.** Reports from AVCJPA Appointees
1. SCAG Community, Economic & Human Development Committee – Alternate Robert Joe – Report Attached
 2. League of California Cities – L.A. County Division - Diana Mahmud – Report Attached

Staff Recommendation:

To Receive and File Reports.

MOTION

Member Khubesrian moved and Member Walker seconded a motion to receive and file the reports. The motion carried 4-0, Member Devine and Member Springer absent.

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

David Kriske announced that none of the Arroyo Verdugo applications received Active Transportation grants. He echoed Director Wilson's comments on the 28 by 2028 program regarding local return funds.

Member Perry asked if feedback had been received on grant applications. Mr. Kriske stated they had not but would follow up.

Staff Recommendation:

To Receive and File

MOTION

Member Walker moved and Member Perry seconded a motion to receive and file the report. The motion carried 4-0, Member Devine and Member Springer absent.

C. Report from AVCJPA Executive Director (Oral)

Presenter: Ann Wilson, Executive Director

Staff Recommendation:

To Receive and File

Director Wilson discussed her meeting with COG directors regarding the County's willingness to provide city services, including managing capital projects. She thanked Chris Golder for her work for the Arroyo Verdugo JPA and introduced Christina Nguyen.

Chair McAustin thanked and congratulated Chris Golder.

X. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Member Khubesrian stated she was looking forward to the new meeting location.

XI. ADJOURN

Chair McAustin adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.



Ann Wilson, Executive Director