



REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES

ARROYO VERDUGO COMMUNITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Thursday, February 4, 2021 - 4:00 p.m.
City of La Cañada Flintridge Council Chambers
One Civic Center Drive
La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Springer called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Sharon Springer, Chair
Daniel Brotman, Vice-Chair
Jon Primuth, Member
Andy Wilson, Member
David Perry, Member
Terry Walker, Member

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

IV. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS PRIMUTH AND WILSON

Chair Springer welcomed Members Primuth and Wilson.

V. APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER

Executive Director Wilson presented the staff report.

MOTION

Member Primuth moved and Vice Chair Brotman seconded a motion to appoint Alex Kung as the Treasurer. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. AVCPJA Staff Report and Presentation by Metro Regarding Highway Modernization

Presenter (Staff): Ann Wilson, Executive Director

Presenter (Metro): Isidro Panuco, Sr. Mgr., Transportation Planning, Metro

Staff Recommendation: To (1) Receive and File the Metro Presentation and (2) Approve the attached letter to Metro to be sent with any amendments and authorize the Chair to sign it on behalf of the Governing Board.

Senior Manager Panuco, Metro Transportation Planning, presented the proposed revisions to the guidelines for Measures M and R. He stated they were seeking comments or suggested changes from local jurisdictions.

Vice Chair Brotman stated it appeared that the modifications provided more flexibility, rather than mandating reallocation. Mr. Panuco discussed comments provided by other jurisdictions.

Member Perry explained the intent to add flexibility. He read the lead paragraph for Measure R guidelines and concern about preventing funding for future highway improvements. He stated everyone seemed to be in favor of the flexibility. Mr. Panuco concurred with concerns regarding limiting the ability to develop future projects, particularly if vehicle miles traveled was not reduced.

Executive Director Wilson read the draft letter for Board consideration.

In response to Member Wilson, Mr. Panuco discussed VMT as a metric. He indicated the comments received suggested the metrics be determined by each jurisdiction.

Vice Chair Brotman indicated support for the draft letter and stated he was not concerned with VMT as the litmus test, but suggested safety be considered.

Member Wilson requested the jurisdiction have flexibility to consider safety as a metric.

Executive Director Wilson discussed the deadline for comments. Mr. Panuco indicated they were waiting on the AVCJPA.

Member Wilson stated one metric seemed overly restrictive and suggested use of other metrics to substantiate the benefit including VMT, safety and other metrics.

CONSENSUS

By consensus, the board determined to amend the letter to indicate each Subregion should retain jurisdictional flexibility to use other metrics.

Member Perry expressed concern with the last sentence of Paragraph 6, "The highway modernization policy should exclude additional lane widening on freeways and support other forms of transportation solutions." and expressed concern that the Subregion would then be advocating for potentially handicapping other subregions and their desire to do those types of improvements. He suggested the subregion indicate its position but respecting the ability of the other subregions.

Chair Springer suggested indicated that the AVCJPA did not support freeway widening for its region.

Member Wilson suggested adding "in our subregion".

Vice Chair Brotman stated he would prefer retaining the statement opposing freeway widening but he could go along with the proposed change.

Executive Director Wilson discussed the subregion and JPA history of being against freeway widenings as a result of the 710 project and informed the Board that there were other COGS that supported freeway widening in their areas.

Member Walker stated the point was to encourage local control and agreement with no freeway widenings in the JPA region.

MOTION

Member Wilson moved and Member Perry seconded a motion to (1) Receive and File the Metro Presentation and (2) Approve the letter to Metro to be sent with any amendments and authorize the Chair to sign it on behalf of the Governing Board. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

- B.** AVCJPA Staff Report and Presentation by Metro Regarding the NoHo to Pasadena BRT Line Project
Presenter (Staff): Ann Wilson, Executive Director
Presenter (Metro): Gary Byrne, Senior Transportation Manager, Metro
Staff Recommendation: To (1) Receive and File the Metro Presentation and (2) Approve the attached letter to Metro to be sent with any amendments and authorize the Chair to sign it on behalf of the Governing Board.

Senior Transportation Manager Byrne presented a PowerPoint including a project overview, background, project benefits, proposed project key statistics, Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) highlights, and next steps.

Vice Chair Brotman asked the timeline for making the final decision on routes. Mr. Byrne stated the Metro Board would make the final decision in April.

Chair Springer asked about the 30 rides modeling. Mr. Byrne explained that the modeling included all lines and demographics. He stated there was consideration of converting to rail but that would be far in the future.

Member Wilson asked if the models were being updated based on more people working from home. Mr. Byrne stated the ridership model had not been updated since COVID. Member Wilson suggested consideration of changes in behavior.

Executive Director Wilson asked if Metro was continuing to work with local cities. Mr. Byrne indicated they were still meeting with local jurisdictions. Executive Director Wilson discussed the cost being charged to Arroyo Verdugo and potential to go back to reallocate costs, if the Eagle Rock alternative was chosen. If this alternative is chosen, the cost to the AVCJPA might lessen.

Member Primuth asked if the traffic signal prioritization was midrange or most aggressive. Mr. Byrne explained that the time savings came from bus lanes and stops.

Member Wilson asked about removal of fare boxes. Mr. Byrne discussed the potential removal and explained that the fares would remain the typical Metro fares.

MOTION

Member Wilson moved and Vice Chair Brotman seconded a motion to (1) Receive and File the Metro Presentation and (2) Approve the attached letter to Metro to be sent with any amendments and authorize the Chair to sign it on behalf of the Governing Board. The question was called, and the motion carried 6-1, Member Walker abstained.

- C. AVCJPA Staff Report and Presentation by Metro Regarding the Measure M Equity Program
Presenter (Staff): Ann Wilson, Executive Director
Presenter (Metro): Craig Hoshijima, Deputy Executive Officer, Countywide Planning & Development, Metro

Staff Recommendation: To (1) Receive and File the Metro Presentation and (2) Approve the attached letter to Metro to be sent with any amendments and authorize the Chair to sign it on behalf of the Governing Board.

Deputy Executive Officer Hoshijima presented a PowerPoint about the Metro Subregional Equity Program including background, funding amounts by subregion, key considerations, and next steps.

Executive Director Wilson provided suggested amendments included in the letter.

MOTION

Member Primuth moved and Vice Chair Brotman seconded a motion to (1) Receive and File the Metro Presentation and (2) Approve the letter to Metro to be sent with any amendments and authorize the Chair to sign it on behalf of the Governing Board. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

- D. Report from Metro Regarding Metro Recovery
Presenter: Mark Vallianatos, Executive Officer, Innovation, Metro
Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

Mr. Vallianatos provided an update Metro's Recovery Task Force including challenges, task force goals, and recommendations to improve mobility and advance equity.

MOTION

Vice Chair Brotman moved and Member Wilson seconded a motion to receive and file the report. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

- E. Report from Metro Regarding Traffic Reduction
Presenter: Tham Nguyen, Senior Director, Office of Extraordinary Innovation, Metro
Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

Ms. Nguyen presented Metro's report regarding traffic reduction including Metro's 10-year strategic plan, traffic reduction pilot program, importance of equity in informing the development and analysis of concepts, anticipated schedule, listening session, opportunities for significant traffic reduction, concepts for analysis, pricing models, pricing to manage demand, next steps and virtual public meetings.

Member Wilson thanked Ms. Nguyen for the presentation, stating that some of the ideas may be controversial but were also very innovative.

In response to a question from Vice Chair Brotman, Ms. Nguyen indicated that the potential locations will be presented at the upcoming public meeting.

In response to a question from Chair Springer, Ms. Nguyen indicated that Metro has a number of projects underway that are intended to deal with traffic congestion, including the regional connector project that will connect the Blue and Gold Metro lines by 2028.

MOTION

Member Wilson moved and Vice Chair Brotman seconded a motion to receive and file the report. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A.** Approval of the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion Minutes for the Meeting of November 5, 2020

Staff Recommendation:

To Approve Minutes of November 5, 2020

- B.** Treasurer's Report through January 21, 2021

Alex Kung, Treasurer, AVCJPA

Staff Recommendation:

Receive and File

- C.** Warrant Resolution

Alex Kung, Treasurer, AVCJPA

Staff Recommendation:

Receive and File

MOTION

Member Perry moved and Member Primuth seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

- A.** Appointments to Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Policy Committee Representatives

1. SCAG Community, Economic and Human Committee (CEHDC)

2. SCAG Transportation Committee (TC)

Presenter: Ann Wilson, Executive Director

Staff Recommendation:

That the Chair take nominations individually for each position, and that the Board vote on each position and direct staff to inform SCAG of the new appointees.

MOTION

Chair Springer moved and Vice Chair Brotman seconded a motion to nominate Alternate Schultz as the SCAG Community, Economic and Human Committee (CEHDC) appointee. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Vice Chair Brotman moved and Chair Springer seconded a motion to nominate Member Primuth as the SCAG Transportation Committee (TC) appointee. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Report of Audit, Year End June 30, 2020

Presenter: Alex Kung, Treasurer

Staff Recommendation:

Receive and File

Treasurer Kung provided an overview of the audit indicating no findings.

MOTION

Member Walker moved and Member Wilson seconded a motion to receive and file the report. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Verdugo Workforce Appointment

Presenter: Director, Verdugo Workforce Development Board

Staff Recommendation: That the AVCJPA Governing appoint the following candidate to the Verdugo Workforce Investment Board:

New Appointment:

- Pamela Marcello

Judith Velasco, Executive Director of Verdugo Workforce Development Board, recommended Ms. Pamela Marcello be appointed.

MOTION

Member Wilson moved and Member Primuth seconded a motion to appoint Pamela Marcello to the Verdugo Workforce Investment Board. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

X. REPORTS – INFORMATION ONLY

A. Reports from AVCJPA Appointees

1. SCAG (Energy, & Environment Committee (EEC)) – Representative Member Daniel Brotman – Oral Report
2. League of California Cities – L.A. County Division - Diana Mahmud – Report Attached

Staff Recommendation:

To Receive and File Reports

Vice Chair Brotman reported on the January 7th meeting at which the committee finalized a climate change resolution. He summarized the reports presented at the February 4th meeting including reports on the Southern California Green Print, Governor's Strategy on zero emission goals, and virtual tour of LA County food waste processing facility.

Member Wilson left the meeting.

B. Report from AVCJPA TAC Representative

Presenter: David Kriske

Staff Recommendation:

To Receive and File

Mr. Kriske provided updates on the TAC discussions including fare-less buses, active transportation grants, highway modernization, and travel rewards pilot project.

Member Primuth asked what was innovative about the pilot. Mr. Kriske indicated he would follow to see what was contemporary.

C. Report from AVCJPA Executive Director (Oral)

Presenter: Ann Wilson, Executive Director

Staff Recommendation:

To Receive and File

Executive Director Wilson stated they were working on the website. She stated the goals and work plan from strategic plan would be presented to the Board at its April meeting and written financial policies and procedures were being prepared for board adoption.

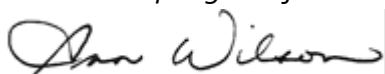
XI. REMAINING PUBLIC COMMENTS – IF ANY

XII. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

XIII. ADJOURN

MOTION

Chair Springer adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.



Ann Wilson, Executive Director