Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES
ARROYO VERDUGO COMMUNITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Thursday, December 2, 2021 - 4:00 p.m.
City of Pasadena – City Hall
Pasadena, CA 91101

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Daniel Brotman, Chair
David Perry, Vice-Chair (Joined meeting at 4:43 p.m.)
Andy Wilson, Member (Excused)
Jon Primuth, Member
Sharon Springer, Member
Terry Walker, Member (Exited meeting at 5:54 p.m.)

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. Gold Line/I-210 Safety Enhancements Project

Presenter (Staff): Laura Rubio-Cornejo, Executive Director
Presenter (Metro): Metro staff will present item
Staff Recommendation: Receive and File

Mr. Danielians provided an overview of the Gold Line/I-210 Safety Enhancement project, including project background, early corrective/preventive measures, and proposed safety barrier projects. Mr. Danielians answered Board Member's questions.

Member Springer asked if the first list of safety enhancement projects total a billion dollars. Mr. Danielians stated the billion dollars are to state, projects as standards projects and the magnitude of constructing projects, stating the S Curve portion of the project would be approximately 60 million.

Member Primuth commented on the priority of portion of project two as first priority. Asking why not make project one the 60 million project for the S curve and everything else fall under two, three and four. Stating the S curve will give the best cost benefit. Mr. Danielians, stated they are working on the renumbering of the projects.

Mr. Corona understood everyone's concern stating their primary focus is the S curve due to safety, and it would be easier to have immediate assistance with enforcement working with CHP and a partnership with Caltrans and the urgency is now.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion Minutes for the Meeting of October 7, 2021
Staff Recommendation: To Approve Minutes of October 7, 2021

B. Treasurer's Report through November 22, 2021
Staff Recommendation: Receive and file

C. Check Warrant
Presenter: Alex Hernandez, Treasurer, AVCJPA
Staff Recommendation: Receive and File

MOTION

Roll call was made, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

VII. OTHER BUSINESS – None

A. NoHo to Pasadena BRT Update
Presenter (Staff): Laura Rubio-Cornejo, Executive Director
Presenter (Metro): Metro staff will present item
Staff Recommendation: The Governing Board may take a position on this item or direct the Executive Director to draft a position letter

Mr. Hartwell provided an overview of the NoHo to Pasadena BRT project, including project background, proposed project overview, Burbank design options, outreach, and next steps. Mr. Corona provided an overview of the discounted fares/LIFE program and fare collection, which will resume January 2022. Mr. Hartwell answered Board Member's questions.

Public comments:

Alek, Glendale resident support the project.
Rebecca Kalauskas, Burbank resident support the project.
Paul, Burbank resident is not in support of the project.
Tamala Takahashi, Burbank resident support the project.

Member Walker asked Metro staff to address the public comment stating the concern of

having the station located in the section above the line, is there flexibility. Mr. Hartwell stated it is a possibility.

Chair Brotman's follow-up question, asking what are the cost estimates for the structural work of the bridge. Mr. Hartwell stated there is no specific cost, but there is high level estimates on bridge widening.

Member Springer stated Burbank supports mixed level flow on Olive and a station onto of Olive, the current design does not have a direct connection to Burbank's downtown Metro link stop. Stating the bridge requires retrofit no matter what and is a critical component to this and having the station. Would like the board to direct Metro to direct staff to help Burbank with the bridge reconfiguration to integrate with the BRT project.

Member Primuth inquired if the JPA can take a position on the station being located on the Olive bridge with the possibility of having a two project phase, initial instillation on Lake Avenue then the Olive bridge. Having the JPA support the finding and design, requesting Metro to make that the integral part of the BRT project as phase two to put the Olive Street station in place.

Member Springer stated the project is approximately $50 million and is not a Measure M project, stating Burbank's support of mix flow on Olive, and concurrently a redesign of the bridge as a station on top of that. Stating the critical need of the bridge.

Chair Brotman supports Member Primuth's comments, stating his concern of opening Olive to mix flow can damage the project overall. Would like to take a position in support for the bridge but also the side running option.

Member Springer stated Burbank supports mixed level flow on Olive to start with and a station onto of the Olive Avenue bridge, following this project from the beginning. In the future Burbank and reevaluate the mix flow and see if maybe in time do a bus only lane. This must start with a mixed flow and a parallel concomitant project must be adaption of the Olive Avenue bridge.

Chair Brotman asked Member Springer how Burbank would feel about starting with a dedicated bus lane, review in one to two years, and see what the traffic impacts are.

Member Springer continues to support mix flow on behalf of Burbank.

Member Walker asked Metro regarding Pasadena's mix flow and how was the decision made where there is mixed flow and where is BRT. Mr. Hartwell stated Pasadena's decision to use mix flow was made by the leadership in Pasadena at the time.
Chair Brotman asked Mr. Hartwell, what are they thinking given Burbank's current

position, and what are the options. Mr. Hartwell stated the conversations are ongoing with Burbank.

Member Walker is not comfortable with making a recommendation with such polarized opinions on this project.

Vice Chair Perry stated it is not just the first BRT project being executed under Measure M, it the first BRT project we are executing as part of the countywide BRD vision that goes outside of a single jurisdiction. Individual cities have their own priorities, concerns and needs. Commending Metro's staff for their efforts in trying to find a compromise with Burbank. Back in May the Metro Board received a letter from Burbank stating their project likes and concerns. The Board did not take a position officially on the curb run. Instructing staff to work closely with other cities and get some level of compromise. There is no capacity within the budget BRT projects itself to accommodate the infrastructure improvement, there is the need to go outside of the Measure M process to do it. Supervisor Barger committed the Metro staff to work with Burbank, recognizing the priority of this project. Supervisor Barger sees what staff has proposed as a potential compromise. Stating he would not be able to support the mix flow in Burbank. Would like to continue to dialogue and find a solution.

Member Springer stated Burbank wants the project to be successful and Metro has done an amazing job with outreach, stating Burbank's situation is unique. Burbank's Metro link station is a very busy stating and the BRT access to it is critical. Stating the start of mixed flow and concomitantly a bridge redesign.

Chair Brotman recommended to receive and file this item.

Member Springer suggested the members to park their cars and ride the metro or the orange line to see first-hand the challenges that exist.

B. Contract Extension – Cambridge Systematics

Presenter (Staff): Laura Rubio-Cornejo, Executive Director
Staff Recommendation: Find this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3), Review for Exemption; and Authorize the Executive Director to execute Year 3 Option with Cambridge Systematics, Inc. for consultant services to develop the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Power Authority (AVCJPA) FY 24-25 and FY 25-26 Measure M Multiyear Subregional Plan in the amount not to exceed $25,750

Executive Director Laura Rubio-Cornejo presented the staff report.

MOTION

Member Walker moved and Member Springer seconded a motion to approve item. Roll call was made, the motion passed unanimously.

C. Establishing the Time, Place and Days of Regular Meetings

Presenter (Staff): Laura Rubio-Cornejo, Executive Director
Staff Recommendation: To Approve the established time, place, and days of Regular Meetings

Executive Director Laura Rubio-Cornejo presented the staff report.

MOTION

Vice Chair Perry moved and Member Primuthr seconded a motion to approve item. Roll call was made, the motion passed unanimously.

D. Consideration of a Resolution to Allow the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority Governing Board and All of Its Subordinate Bodies, to Meet Remotely Pursuant to the Brown Act As Amended By AB 361

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt Resolution 22-2 of the Governing Board of The Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Governing Board and All Joint Power Authority Subordinate Bodies, for the Period December 2-December 31, 2021

Executive Director Laura Rubio-Cornejo presented the staff report.

MOTION

Member Primuth moved and Member Springer seconded a motion to approve item. Roll call was made, the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS – INFORMATION ONLY

A. Reports from AVCJPA Appointees

1. SCAG Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
2. SCAG Community, Economic & Human Development Committee – No Report
3. League of California Cities – L.A. County Division – No Report

Staff Recommendation: To receive and file

B. Report from AVCJPA TAC Representative

Presenter: David Kriske
Staff Recommendation: To receive and file

C. Report from AVCJPA Executive Director (Oral)
Presenter: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, Executive Director
Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

IX. REMAINING PUBLIC COMMENTS – IF ANY – None

X. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS (For written or oral reports by Members; no discussion or action to be taken)

Vice Chair Perry wished everyone a happy holiday.

XI. ADJOURN

On the Order of Chair Brotman, Member Springer supported the motion and Member Primuth seconded, the motion passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m.