Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES
ARROYO VERDUGO COMMUNITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Thursday, June 21, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.
City of Pasadena – City Hall – Fair Oaks Conf. Rm. S-039
Pasadena, CA 91101

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: David Perry, Chair
Jon Primuth, Vice-Chair
Daniel Brotman, Member
Justin Jones, Member (Excused)
Nick Schultz Member (arrived at 4:11pm)
Terry Walker, Member

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. Metro: NoHo to Pasadena BRT Update

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

AVCJPA Executive Director Laura Rubio-Cornejo introduced the item. Tito Corona and Scott Hartwell with Metro provided an overview of Metro's NoHo to Pasadena BRT project background and status, key project elements, project overview, early station design, and project schedule which is in preliminary engineering. Mr. Hartwell and Mr. Anthony DeFrenza with Metro answered Board Member's questions. Board member Brotman requested a copy of the map with the Glendale stations.

Board member Walker requested the emails from Metro's presenters.

Board member Brotman asked how will the bus only lanes be enforced, Mr. DeFrenza will be working with each city to work on their individual approach and what works for their public works and/or transportation department. Can bikes ride on bus lanes? Metro said yes, bikes are allowed to ride bus lanes. Where will the buses get charged? Busses servicing this route will be housed in division nine in El Monte. The busses can function with full charges from El Monte, but there will be high-capacity chargers at the Pasadena City College and NoHo Transit Depot. The coordination and logistics will continue with the two endpoints.

Vice Chair Primuth asked where are the congestions points and how is that going to affect the scheduling? Mr. Hartwell stated there was modeling early in the planning phase and updates at various points with dedicated bus lanes. Metro did a supplemental traffic study and shared with the cities works with them as well.

Board member Schultz stated his predecessors took a different view of this project, and his comments and questions are not intended to communicate that his Council is opposed to the idea, but he thinks there are legitimate concerns. He will ask questions to the benefit of his colleagues. Why are there no dedicated bus lanes in Pasadena? Mr. Hartwell with Metro stated they did talk to the city about dedicated bus lanes, but at the time the political climate was such that it was not something that they were willing to consider and they spoke in opposition to bus lines very early in our project, and we agreed to to no longer pursue the Pasadena stretch going to PCC. PCC supported the project and contributed a terminal station for this project. Mr. Corona thanked everyone who helped shape the project.

Board member Schultz asked about the proposed stop on Olive and Lake, is there any other segment where you are able to locate a station? Mr. DeFrenza stated he is works with city staff to coordinate and get the stations in the right spots to maximize usability, but also build in a way that is feasible withing the project constraints and budget without deviating from the EIR. Board member Schultz would strongly encourage and is willing to partner with Metro and supervisors to look for funding for a replacement bridge to make this a successful project and make this a seamless connection.

Board member Schultz shared a concern of backed out traffic coming from North Hollywood towards Glendale, due to a fast food restaurant, stating there need to be a plan in place to mitigate the traffic. Asked Metro if they have communicated with Burbank City staff about a mitigation plan to remedy this traffic concern. Mr. DeFrenza stated they visited the restaurant site twice at different times of the day to observe the situation. Stating there have been a lot of already made city

changes to that neighborhood, and he spoke to David Kriske about his timing for releasing his neighborhood protection plan, and how Metro could integrate with that.

Board member Brotman asked Metro if the bike lane on Glenoaks is a protected bike lane? Mr. DeFrenza is working with Glendale city staff to work on this project and find a resolution.

Chair Perry thanked the presenters for the update, thanked member Schultz for bringing up the Olive bridge, stating the station has not fallen off the supervisors radar and it is still a high priority.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion Minutes for the Meeting of April 6, 2023
Staff Recommendation: To Approve Minutes of April 6, 2023

B. Treasurer's Report through May 31, 2023
Staff Recommendation: Receive and File

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

MOTION
At the order of Chair Perry, Member Brotman moved, and Member Schultz seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, the motion passed unanimously with no objection. Member Walker abstained and Member Jones is excused.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget
Alex Hernandez, Treasurer, AVCJPA
Staff Recommendation: Approve FY 2024 Budget
AVCJPA Executive Director Laura Rubio-Cornejo introduced the item. Mr. Hernandez provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget background, proposed budget revenue, expenses, dues by agency, and fiscal impact.

MOTION
At the order of Chair Perry, Vice Chair Primuth moved, and Member Brotman seconded a motion to approve this item as presented by staff, the motion passed unanimously with no objection. Member Jones is excused.

B. Governing Board Reorganization

1. **Selection of Chair for the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority. The Chair will take nominations for Chair and the Governing Board will vote to select a Chair for a term beginning on July 1, 2023, ending on June 30, 2024.**

MOTION
Chair Perry moved and Member Schultz seconded a motion to approve that Vice Chair Primuth is nominated as Chair, for a term effective July 1, 2023, ending on June 30, 2024. Roll call was made the motion passed unanimously with no opposition. Member Jones is excused.

2. **Selection of Vice-Chair for the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority. The current Chair will take nominations for Vice-Chair and the Governing Board will vote to select a Vice-Chair for a term beginning on July 1, 2023, ending on June 30, 2024.**

Chair Perry discussed this item with Member Jones whom, agreed to be nominated as Vice Chair.

MOTION
At the order of Chair Perry, Member Brotman moved and Member Schultz seconded a motion to approve that Member Jones is nominated as Vice-Chair, effective July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2024. Roll call was made the motion passed unanimously with no opposition. Member Jones is excused.

VIII. REPORTS – INFORMATION ONLY

A. Reports from AVCJPA Appointees

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

Staff Recommendation: To receive and file

Per Member Schultz, Mayor Anthony, rep for League of California Cities could not attend as this was a special meeting. Mayor Anthony plans to attend the next regularly scheduled meeting August 3rd.

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
Executive Director Laura Rubio-Cornejo thanked exiting Chair Perry for his leadership during the transition from zoom covid meetings to in person.

IX. REMAINING PUBLIC COMMENTS – IF ANY

Mr. Tito Corona with Metro wanted to announce that the event Metro Regional Connector is officially open as a Friday, the former gold line is now the A line.

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

Exiting Chair Perry stated it was an honor to serve and thanked staff for their support.

Newly elected Chair Primuth stated he is excited to serve and looks forward to the BRT presentation. Requesting to give up the SCAG Transportation Committee, and agendize this item to elect another official. Executive Director Laura Rubio-Cornejo will agendize and will work with SCAG on the protocol and eligibility to assign an AVCJPA member to the SCAG Transportation Committee.

Member Brotman shared interest in the SCAG Transportation Committee and giving up the SCAG Energy & Environment Committee. Informing staff the alternate for Glendale is no long on the Council, and a new alternate will assigned by Glendale City Council.

Member Walker informed the board this will be her last meeting, as she will not be seeking reelection. Will inform staff who from La Cañada will attend the board meetings.

XI. ADJOURN

On the Order of Exiting Chair Perry to adjourn the meeting, Member Brotman moved and Member Schultz seconded, the motion passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m.