



Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

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**DATE:** October 5, 2023  
**TO:** Governing Board  
**FROM:** Alex Hernandez, Treasurer  
**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Executive Director

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Governing Board appoint Joaquin T. Siques, T.E. as the Executive Director of the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority (AVCJPA), effective October 5, 2023.

**BACKGROUND**

Laura Rubio-Cornejo notified the Chair via phone and subsequently the full governing board via e-mail on August 29, 2023 of her resignation as Executive Director of the AVCJPA. Her last day with the AVCJPA was September 15, 2023. Efforts to hold a special meeting to appoint a new executive director prior to Ms. Rubio-Cornejo's last day were not successful.

As the City of Pasadena continues to manage the administrative functions of the AVCJPA, it is recommended that the executive director function also remain within Pasadena. To this end, it is recommended that Joaquin Siques be appointed to the position of executive director of the AVCJPA.

Joaquin Siques has worked for the City of Pasadena for 19 years and is currently the Acting Director of Transportation. Attached please find Joaquin's resume. He is a licensed traffic engineer and has a keen knowledge of regional transportation issues, funding mechanisms, and the AVC sub-region. Joaquin was instrumental in the interagency coordination efforts for the I-710 Stub relinquishment to the City of Pasadena, and he has been involved in the planning and implementation of Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program funded projects. If appointed, he will do well to administer the JPA's business and of representing the transportation interests and needs of the region with other agencies.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is not fiscal impact as a result of this appointment.

Attachment:  
Joaquin T. Siques Resume

# Joaquin T. Siques, T.E.

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**Years of Experience:** 25

## **Registrations:**

Traffic Engineer: CA (2163)

## **Education:**

- *Master of Science, Transportation Engineering. University of California, Berkeley. 1998.*
- *Bachelor of Science, Safety and Health. University of Southern California. 1997.*

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Acting Director: City of Pasadena, Department of Transportation. Pasadena, CA September 2023 – Present**

Responsible for directing the activities of the Department of Transportation, including administration, traffic operations/engineering, parking services, multimodal planning and public transit, consistent with the goals and policies in the Mobility Element of the General Plan as well as other City Council adopted transit and transportation plans. Provide and oversee staff support for the Transportation Advisory Commission, short and long range planning, communicating with community groups, City staff and officials, Federal, State, regional and local government bodies to advance the Department's work. Advise the City Council, City Manager, and department heads on transportation related activities. Direct the selection, supervision and work evaluation of department personnel. Provide staff training and professional development resources and monitor employee relations matters.

### **Deputy Director: City of Pasadena, Department of Transportation. Pasadena, CA: August 2020 – September 2023** **(Acting Administrator, January 2020 – July 2020)**

Responsible for short and long range planning, communicating with community groups, City staff and officials, Federal, State, regional and local government bodies to advance the Department's work. Provided oversight to the Mobility Engineering and Operations Division and the Multimodal Planning Division of the Pasadena Department of Transportation. City's technical lead for the I-710 Stub Repurposing project, including coordination with the consultant team, Caltrans and the City Manager's office for the technical feasibility study and traffic analysis of the repurposing of the I-710 stub in the City of Pasadena. City's technical lead for the preliminary analysis of the California Boulevard Grade Separation of the Metro Gold Line, including coordination with Metro and City staff. Led a team of engineers and planners to implement three tiered Safer Streets program in response to the changing transportation environment resulting from the COVID-19 Safer at Home Order. The program included a Slow Streets Neighborhood Protection Program, a Walk Local, Bike Solo outreach program and a nighttime mode traffic signal operation modification to reduce motorist speed.

### **Principal Traffic Engineer: City of Pasadena, Department of Transportation. Pasadena, CA: October 2017 – Present** **(Acting Principal Traffic Engineer, August 2017- October 2017)**

Principal Engineer responsible for managing the Traffic Engineering and Operations Division of the Department of Transportation. Led a team of engineers, planners, and technicians to achieve the safety and mobility goals of the Transportation Department and City of Pasadena. Responsible for timely communication and coordination with City Councilmembers and their District Liaisons and overseeing and reviewing all citizen service requests for traffic engineering or operations concerns and suggestions. Managed various transportation and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) related capital improvement programs as well as school area safety and bicycle safety projects funded through the California Office of Traffic Safety. Managed Traffic Management Center (TMC) Operations staff for daily traffic signal operations and contract staff for special event staffing of the TMC. Oversight of capital budget and division operating budget to identify funding availability, shortfall and needs. Responsible for coordination with Caltrans, Los Angeles County, and neighboring agency staff for daily operations and ongoing projects, including the implementation of the I-210 Connected Corridors project. Maintained open channels of communication with other DOT divisions and with the Department of Public Works to provide a coordinated approach to project management and project implementation.

**Engineer - Traffic: City of Pasadena, Department of Transportation. Pasadena, CA: November 2006 – July 2017**

Engineer responsible for the daily operations of the Traffic Management Center and Capital Improvement Program project tracking for the Traffic Engineering and Operations Division, including the management of City staff, programs and numerous capital projects. Successfully applied for California Office of Traffic Safety Grant funding over multiple award cycles for the development of a bicycle safety campaign, implementation of a school area safety campaign and upgrades to the collision software database. Managed various ITS capital projects and operations projects including the implementation of the SCATS adaptive traffic control system in Pasadena, the I210 Connected Corridors project, consultant services for the TMC staffing of special events, the ITS maintenance contract, and the Pedestrian Crossing Enhancement Program, which led to the installation of the first Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons in Pasadena (with multiple additional locations installed as a result of this initial implementation). Division representative for various interdepartmental and interagency coordination efforts including the ADA Compliance Team, the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) Fiber Joint Planning Committee, and the Caltrans I210 Pavement Rehabilitation Construction Project. Responsible for obtaining Metro Call for Projects grant funding for various projects including the Detection of Bicycles at Intersections Controlled by Traffic Signals, Pedestrian Safety Enhancements at Signalized Intersections Project, the Metro Gold Line Phase I Project Enhancements Program, and the Pasadena Transit, Transit Signal Priority Project. Responsible for the successful ATP Cycle 3 application for a Safe Routes to School Program in Pasadena. Conducted traffic investigations for citizen requests. Coordinated with City Councilmembers and District Liaisons. Presented projects and safety items at City Council, Public Safety Committee and Finance Committee. Participated in and presented at numerous neighborhood meetings, commission meetings and coalition meetings. Presented at ITE International, District, Section and Student Section meetings, ITS California meetings and workshops. Reviewed and approved temporary traffic control plans for construction and special events, as well as large scale special event planning and signal operations.

Responsible for the daily operations of the Pasadena Traffic Management Center connected to over 330 traffic signals, including signal timing operations through both the central traffic control system and through direct controller input on Type 170 and Type 2070 traffic controllers. Proficient in the use of McCain Transparency and QuicNet Pro, Siemens i2, Transcore Series 2000 and SCATS central traffic control systems. Proficient in BITrans 233 and 2033 traffic controller firmware. Developed, reviewed and approved traffic signal timing sheets for hundreds of traffic signals in the City of Pasadena. Experienced with the latest ITS technologies including video detection, bicycle detection, CCTV, dynamic message signs, Bluetooth data collection and crowd source data collection.

**Associate Traffic Engineer: City of Pasadena, Department of Transportation. Pasadena, CA: 2004 – 2006**

Associate Traffic Engineer conducting daily operations of the Pasadena Traffic Management Center, including response to incidents and special event coordination. Project manager for several capital improvement projects. Successfully prepared grant funding applications and managed grant funded projects. Responsible for development and review/approval of traffic control plans and traffic circulation plans for various construction projects, special events and filming activities throughout the City of Pasadena. Prepared specifications and bid packages for several projects, through both competitive bid and performance based selection processes. Prepared and presented Council Agenda Reports for projects. Represented the Transportation Department in numerous public meetings. Conducted traffic investigations for a wide range of transportation related issues and citizen concerns, utilizing warrant analysis, review of collision history and traffic volume/circulation patterns.

**Traffic Engineer: Korve Engineering, Inc. Los Angeles, CA: 1998 – 2004**

Traffic Engineer and Project Manager responsible for technical analysis, technical reports, plan development and project management. Developed highway-rail grade crossing designs, conducted applied research of grade crossing safety, conducted grade-crossing delay analysis, developed guidelines for the use of traffic signals at grade crossings, conducted accident analysis, evaluated level of service (LOS) and capacity at intersections, developed traffic signal plans, developed signing and striping plans and conducted traffic impact studies. Responsibilities ranged from conducting technical analysis and preparing plans to managing several high profile projects, which included public presentations and team coordination.