



Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

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**TO:** Governing Board  
**FROM:** David Kriske, AVCJPA Representative, Metro Technical Advisory Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Metro Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Update

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## RECOMMENDATION

Note and File.

## BACKGROUND

The Metro TAC meets monthly to provide input on Metro programs and projects, and to hear updates on various Metro programs that affect the cities, subregions, and Councils of Government in Los Angeles County. The following summarizes the major projects or programs recently discussed at TAC.

## DISCUSSION

### SCAG Sustainable Communities Program

Metro provided an update on the SCAG Sustainable Communities Program, which is a grant program administered by SCAG to fund "Quick Build" active transportation projects. These projects are considered interim capital improvement projects that use low/medium cost materials which can be deployed quickly to respond to roadway issues quickly and can be implemented as a way to test a larger and more expensive roadway design. Quick-build projects are eligible for ATP Cycle 7 funds, but SCAG provides this alternative program funded through its allocation of ATP funds to sponsor quick build projects through a separate grant application process. The Call for Projects period for this program is May and June 2024, and projects funded through the program are administered by SCAG, including technical support to awardees for consultant procurement, contract maintenance, and developing MOUs with awardees to implement the projects.

### Metro VMT Mitigation Program Update

Metro staff provided an update on its VMT mitigation program, which was developed by Metro as a set of tools to measure and mitigate the induced travel impacts of projects on the state highway system. Participants in the development of the program included Metro highway project teams, subregional Councils of Governments, those who implement typical VMT mitigation projects, and project administrators. The program has identified various mitigation strategies including increasing Metro and other transit bus service frequency, Metrolink service expansion, joint development of housing projects on transit-adjacent public property, and implementing bus-only lanes. Metro has developed a VMT Mitigation Bank to administer the purchase of VMT credits from VMT-inducing projects for other entities to implement VMT mitigation projects. Highway projects sponsors must report the expected induced demand of travel caused by highway projects and convert this induced

demand to VMT credits that are purchased by the highway project, which can then be provided to other projects that provide VMT-reducing activities. Metro will be responsible for managing the Bank program, holding the funds used to pay for the credits, and debiting these credits to VMT-reducing projects. The Metro Board will receive an annual report on the status of the VMT Mitigation Bank. Metro staff expects the Metro Board to adopt the program in Summer 2024.

#### Mobility Hub Study

Metro staff presented the preliminary results of a study to develop a concept and identify locations for Mobility Hubs, which are a collection of transportation resources located at transit stations that provide first/last mile and other supportive transportation services to transit users connecting to transit centers. The purpose of the study is to identify supporting resources that encourage transit ridership and convenience at major rail stations that can then be funded by Metro and other transit agencies. A major driver of developing Mobility Hubs is to improve transit connectivity at the major rail stations that will be used by spectators and athletes of the 2028 LA Olympic Games. The study identifies typical Mobility Hub typologies and services and provides a ranked list of Mobility Hub locations for making Mobility Hub improvements. Metro intends to use this planning study to direct potential Olympic Games funding. Metro did not identify any Mobility Hubs in the AVCJPA area; the closest location is the Metro B Line Universal City Station, which connects to transit resources in Burbank. Metro staff expects to present the Study and recommended list of locations to the Metro Board later this year.

#### New Metro TAC Bicycle Coordinator Alternate Representative Appointed from AVCJPA

The TAC voted to approve Chris Buonomo from the AVCJPA agencies to serve as the Metro TAC's Alternate member for the Bicycle Coordinator position. The purpose of this TAC position is to ensure that there is voting representation from transportation practitioners who have experience in implementing bicycle transportation policies, programs, and projects. This position is nominated and approved from the broader Metro TAC membership. Mr. Buonomo has worked for the City of Burbank for five years, and is a Senior Transportation Planner who oversees active transportation programs and projects for the City including the City's Safe Streets Burbank Vision Zero plan. This appointment adds another TAC member who represents the AVCJPA agencies.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no Fiscal Impact to receive this TAC update.