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Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

DATE: June 25, 2025

TO: Governing Board

FROM: **David Kriske, AVCJPA Representative, Metro Technical Advisory Committee**

SUBJECT: Metro Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Update

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
Los Angeles River Bike Path Update
Metro staff provided an update on the LA River Bike Path project. The Project, funded with $365 million from Measure M, aims to close an eight-mile active transportation gap between Elysian Valley and Maywood by constructing a Class I pedestrian and bicyclist path along the LA River. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), evaluating three alternatives, is slated for release in Spring/Summer 2025, with ongoing community outreach since 2019 continuing through this process. The Metro Board is expected to adopt the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in 2026.

Metro On the Move Riders Program
Metro staff provided an update on its On the Move Riders Program. This program is designed to empower older adults to use transit and offers educational workshops, pop-ups, transit tours, events, and travel trainings. From FY23 to FY25, its Travel Training Club expanded from 18 to 49 volunteers and conducted 90 tours since February 2025. Partnering with stakeholders like AARP, senior centers, and local cities, the program hosted its 9th Annual Older Adult Transportation Expo on May 9, 2025, at the Pasadena Convention Center.

Metro TAP to Exit
Metro's TAP to Exit Program is aimed at enhancing rider experience at Metro Stations through environmental design and care-based strategies and has implemented implements several strategies to enhance rider experience and prevent issues related to vandalism, crime and other prohibited activities. The primary action is to require riders to tap fare cards upon exit to confirm that fares were paid for rides and prevent fare evasion. The program also includes supplemental improvements such as additional seating and a Throne public restroom at Norwalk C Line and APU/Citrus College A Line

Stations. The program expanded Tap-to-Exit to Downtown Santa Monica E Line, Downtown Long Beach, and APU/Citrus College A Line Stations, showing success with initial data indicating 1,200 additional fares collected at Downtown Santa Monica. Additionally, the program extended to Union Station B & D Line Station, introducing circulation improvements.

Active Transportation Program Update

Metro staff updated the TAC on several Active Transportation Program (ATP) initiatives. Registration is open for the ATP Symposium, set for October 22-23, 2025, at the UC Davis Conference Center. The Active Transportation Resources Center (ATRC) is accepting applications for the ATP Cycle 8 Disadvantaged Communities Technical Assistance Program, with a deadline of May 30, 2025. Metro will host an ATP Capacity Building Workshop in November 2025 for ATP Cycle 8, with applications due in June 2026. Additionally, the State Local Partnership Program, a competitive funding opportunity, will open its next call for projects in Fall 2026.

Metro Call for Project Deobligation Appeals

The TAC considered several deobligation appeals for grant projects funded through the now discontinued Metro Call for Projects at the June meeting. Call for Projects grants include requirements to implement project phases within deadlines set by the grant, or risk funding deobligation. Local agencies with funds that are subject to lapse have the opportunity to request extensions to these grant funds, which are reviewed by the TAC and then sent to the Metro Board for approval. This year, no Arroyo Verdugo Cities JPA cities had grant projects subject to lapse that required an appeal to the TAC.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no Fiscal Impact to receive this TAC update.