Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

ITEM# IX.B

DATE: August 7, 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

Metro Micro Update

Metro staff provided an update on Metro Micro, which is an on-demand shared transit service offering point-to-point service within one of eight designated zones, using an app-based reservation and payment platform. In March 2025 Metro transitioned the service to a new contractor and a separate software provider, with the goal of reducing costs. The service is now operated by third-party contractors (not Metro staff), and the software platform vendor has been separated from the operations contractor. Metro provided service and cost metrics: Metro's cost is $82.40 per revenue service hour, and east cost per trip is $24.90. Cost per trip has gone down approximately 14 percent from the previous fiscal year. Metro has also updated policies to address rider complaints including policy for driver to call riders before no-show, improving the virtual stops assigned to each trip, and implementing Google traffic data to improve the accuracy of trip times. Metro also plans to improve the rider app to allow riders to save frequently used trips and book multiple, future trips up to seven days in advance.

Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project Update

Metro staff provided an update on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project, which will construct a heavy transit or monorail over the Sepulveda Pass from the San Fernando Valley to the Westside. The purpose of the project is to provide an alternative to the limited transit options available in the Sepulveda Pass, and to offer a travel option for the estimated 400,000 weekday trips through the pass. The project will travel between the Van Nuys Metrolink Station to the Metro E line and will connect to the East San Fernando Valley Light Rail, the Metro G and D lines, as well as UCLA. Metro has completed a Draft EIR which identifies five alternatives, which are expected to provide travel times of between 20 and 30 minutes, carry 60,000 to 125,00 rides per day, and offer peak period trains every 2

to 4 minutes. The Draft EIR public comment period ends on August 30, and then the Metro Board of Directors will select a Locally Preferred Alternative. Measure M has allocated $9.5 billion, and the project is expected to cost between $14 billion and $24 billion depending on the alternative selected.

Active Transportation Program Update

Metro staff updated the TAC on several California Transportation Commission (CTC) and Active Transportation Program (ATP) activities. The FY 25-26 subsequent project list submittal period for the Local Streets and Roads Funding Program is open until September 30, 2025. The CTC adopted the ATP Cycle 7 Regional Program, and announced that the Cycle 8 program will have about $500 million in funding over the next four years. Also, registration is open for the California ATP Symposium, October 22nd-23rd, 2025, which will be held at the UC Davis Conference Center. Finally, the CTC adopted a timely use of funds policy in June 2025 for the ATP and Senate Bill (SB) 1 Program for greater Los Angeles region agencies impacted by the January 2025 Southern California wildfires. Affected agencies must demonstrate that affected projects were delayed due to wildfires.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no Fiscal Impact to receive this TAC update.