Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES
ARROYO VERDUGO COMMUNITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Thursday, August 7th, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.
City of Pasadena – City Hall
Pasadena, CA 91101

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Kim Bowman, Chair
Daniel Brotman, Member
Justin Jones, Member
David Perry, Member
Chris Rizzotti, Alternate Member
Sheila Rossi, Member

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Metro Urban Greening Grant Program

Presenter: Marta Polovin, Senior Transportation Planner, Long Range Planning, for LA Metro

Executive Director Siques introduced the item. Ms. Polovin and her colleague Senior Manager Winne Fong, briefed the AVCJPA board on the Metro Urban Greening Grant Program, sought feedback from board members, and hoped to build momentum to get the program to fruition.

A goal of this program is to advance equity and investment in communities, improve the experience of people taking transit, and lay groundwork for a streamlined process for applications and administration. Plans would require a

greening and hardscape component and need to meet a geographic eligibility of a heat vulnerable or high ridership area. Ms. Polovin and her colleagues anticipate returning to the JPA periodically with updates before the program's roll out.

Member Rossi noted that smaller cities like South Pasadena often need help with grant processes. She also said that if Senate Bill 79 passes, the city will have increased density along Metro corridors and a diminished tree canopy. Ms. Polovin explained that they are exploring options to promote an equal playing field for smaller or lower-resourced cities.

Member Brotman said that Glendale's previous Urban Forest Plan to improve the tree canopy over 10 years was an expensive undertaking and noted that a grant program like this would be smart for smaller cities. He also asked if Ms. Polovin knew what part of the Arroyo Verdugo area would qualify, and what heat mapping plan Metro would use. He also noted that trees provide the best shelter and shade at bus stops. Ms. Polovin answered that the Arroyo Verdugo Communities are likely very eligible. Metro is focused on improving the transit rider experience with greenscape, hardscape, and cooling infrastructures, and proposes that those projects would be awarded.

There were no public comments.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority Minutes for the Special Meeting of June 25, 2025

Staff Recommendation: To Approve the Minutes of June 25, 2025

B. Treasurer's Report

Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

C. Check Warrant

Presenter: Alex Hernandez, Treasurer, AVCJPA
Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

MOTION:

Member Brotman Moved and Member Rossi seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. SCAG Committee Appointments

Presenter: Joaquin T. Siques, Executive Director, AVCJPA

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the Governing Board appoint a city member representative to serve on each of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) policy committees for an indefinite term, including the Transportation Committee; the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee; and the Energy and Environmental Committee

Director Siques introduced the item. An AVCJPA member serves on each of these three Southern California Association of Governments committees. Terms are two years, and there is no limit of terms a representative can serve. Each committee meets on the first Thursday of each month at 9:30am.

There was no public comment on this item.

Member Brotman stated that he served two years on the Energy and Environment Committee before he moved to the Transportation Committee and that he would be happy to move again to the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee. He also noted that Glendale is well-represented on the Transportation Committee, so he was comfortable stepping away from it.

Member Rossi noted that South Pasadena had no representation on any of the SCAG committees, and the community is eager to get representation. She referenced the 2020 SCAG Regional Housing Needs Assessment and her work with South Pasadena, Altadena, and Alhambra RHNA numbers.

Chair Bowman asked if Member Brotman would like to return to the Energy and Environment Committee, if Member Rossi would like to join the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee, and if Vice Chair Mullins would like to join the Transportation Committee.

Member Brotman and Member Rossi answered in the affirmative, and Alternate Member Rizzotti answered in the affirmative on behalf of Vice Chair Mullins.

MOTION

Member Brotman moved, and Member Perry seconded, a motion to appoint Vice Chair Mullins to the Transportation Committee, Member Brotman to the Energy and Environment Committee, and Member Rossi to the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

B. Reschedule October Regular Meeting Date

Presenter: Joaquin T. Siques, Executive Director, AVCJPA
Director Siques informed the Board that the AVCJPA's next Regular Meeting date of October 2nd falls on the Yom Kippur holiday. He listed for the group the upcoming evenings where the Pasadena City Council Chambers had a 4pm availability. Board Members consulted with the calendars for their municipalities and determined that October 30th would be the most favorable date to reschedule.

MOTION
Member Jones moved, and Member Brotman seconded, a motion to reschedule the next Regular Meeting of the AVCJPA to Thursday, October 30th. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

IX. REPORTS – INFORMATION ONLY

A. Reports from AVCJPA Appointees

1. SCAG Transportation Committee

Member Brotman submitted an update from the SCAG Transportation Committee, summarizing meetings held in December 2024 and March 2025. His update was shared with the rest of the JPA via email and posted to the public website.

2. SCAG Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) – No Update
3. SCAG Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee – No Update
4. League of California Cities – LA County Division – No update

Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

B. Report from AVCJPA Representative to Metro TAC

Presenter: David Kriske
Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File
A written report was provided by David Kriske and included in the meeting agenda packet. An oral update was provided as well. Mr. Kriske informed the group about Metro Micro's efforts to mimic private ridesharing apps, including making the app more responsive, allowing rides to be scheduled further in advance, and attempting to lower the cost per ride to operate. Member Brotman inquired about the cost per trip. Mr. Kriske answered that it is currently projected to be $25 per trip, and about $82 per hour. This amount was over $40 at the beginning of the program. He also confirmed that that fare recently rose from $1 to $2.
Mr. Kriske also spoke about the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project and their upcoming environmental impact. This project would connect the Van Nuys Metrolink and the Westside. It is currently out for public review and comment.
Mr. Kriske also included the Active Transportation Program and Senta Bill 1 finding extension criteria for projects from cities affected by wildfires

C. **Report from AVCJPA Executive Director (Oral)**

Presenter: Joaquin T. Siques, Executive Director
Director Siques offered a monthly update on the Reconnecting Communities 710 Master Planning Process. There is a public meeting on Saturday, September 13th at Friendship Pasadena Church. People from surrounding jurisdictions are invited to attend the workshop.
Director Siques also welcomed JC Montenegro, San Gabriel Valley Area Manager for Metro Local Government. Mr. Montenegro announced the Metro A-Line opening on September 19th. He also introduced Matt Evans, Construction Relations Manager on the North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit project.

X. REMANING PUBLIC COMENTS - None

XI. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS (For writer or oral reports by Members; no discussion or action to be taken) - None

XII. ADJOURN

On the order of Chair Bowman, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43pm.