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Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

DATE: November 5, 2025

TO: Governing Board

FROM: **Dan Brotman, Council Member, City of Glendale**

SUBJECT: **SCAG Transportation Committee- June 5, 2025 Meeting**

RECOMMENDATION: This report is being provided as information only.

BACKGROUND: Below is a summary of key discussions and actions from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) committee meeting noted above.

MEETINGS OVERVIEW: The Transportation Committee convened on June 5, 2025, chaired by Hon. Mike Judge. The meeting featured major updates on California's high-speed rail, Brightline West, and zero-emission truck infrastructure planning.

HIGHLIGHTS & DISCUSSION:

- Received a detailed presentation from the California High Speed Rail Authority outlining progress on statewide high-speed rail development and recent milestones in the Central Valley.
  - LaDonna DiCamillo, Southern California Regional Director, California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) provided an update on the High-Speed Rail initiative.
  - Project was being constructed in two stages with the first segment from San Francisco to Los Angeles/Anaheim with travel time less than 3 hours.
  - The second phase extends the line 300 miles to connect Sacramento and San Diego.
  - Recent milestones include a kickoff of the railhead project in Kern County in preparation for track laying work and construction of a 22-mile sub-segment in the Central Valley.

• Brightline West reported progress on the 218-mile all-electric high-speed rail line between Las Vegas and Rancho Cucamonga, emphasizing sustainability, workforce development, and regional economic impacts.

- Timeline completion for the project as of now is late 2028.

• SCAG staff concluded the Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations Program, summarizing successful pilot projects in Rialto, Garden Grove, and Laguna Woods focused on technology integration and mobility improvement.

- The three projects focused on were: Smart Cities and Job Centers, Go Zones, and Shared Mobility and Mobility as a Service.
- The goal was to explore where technology and innovation can be utilized to benefit our region.

• The Zero-Emission Truck Infrastructure Study findings were presented, detailing projected regional power needs and site prioritization for truck charging and fueling infrastructure through 2040.

- The purpose of the study was to explore a phased blueprint and action plan toward realizing a regional zero emission charging and fueling infrastructure.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Chair Judge announced that the Transportation Committee would be dark in July and August and resume meetings in September.