Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

Item # VIII.B

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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 Public Safety Advisory Committee Update

Metro staff provided an update on the Public Safety Advisory Committee, which meets quarterly to provide recommendations to address safety and customer experience concerns for Metro riders and employees. The Committee's notable recent contributions included providing several recommendations included in the Transportation Community Public Safety Department Implementation Pan, which was approved by the Metro Board to reconfigure Metro law enforcement into a new Public Safety Department. The Committee is now participating in public input activities to help Metro hire the new Chief of Police, which is currently being recruited.

Street Safety, Data Sharing, and Collaboration Program

Metro provided an update on a new program to help share street safety data for Los Angeles County. Metro staff shared that traffic fatalities have increased despite Vision Zero planning efforts undertaken by many jurisdictions, and that these deaths disproportionately affect vulnerable populations (e.g., the elderly and communities of color). In 2022, the Metro Board adopted the Street Safety Data Sharing and Collaboration Policy and Action Plan, and then received $6.3M in federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) funding in 2023 to implement the Action Plan. Metro is partnering with several other jurisdictions to implement the plan including LA County Department of Public Health, the Gateway Cities COG, and five cities. In October 2024, the Board approved procurement for the development of the Safety Action Plan and countywide database. When complete, the database will aid local jurisdictions in gathering data to apply for federal grants and to implement safety improvements.

Paris 2024 Lessons Learned

Metro staff gave the TAC a presentation on transportation lessons learned by Paris officials who implemented the 2024 Olympic Games. Metro sent Board Members and key Metro staff to Paris to observe the Olympic and Paralympic games in preparation for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics. This allowed Metro staff to observe how large cities manage the transportation needs of participants and visitors to a modern Olympics. These observations demonstrated a need for: early interagency coordination between City staff and Olympic organizers; consistent digital wayfinding; ample security and staffing; programming and easy transit access to ticketed and non-ticketed event sites; robust first/last mile infrastructure around transit; temporary wayfinding; and investment in accessible design (universal design).

As a result of this trip, Metro has identified several near-term actions to help prepare for LA 2028 including: creation of wayfinding and accessibility subcommittees, establishment of a data and digital governance strategy, participation in command center testing, and refinement of the estimate of the workforce needed to manage transportation during the Olympics.

SR-14 Project Approval and Environmental Document (PAED) Update

Metro Highway Programs staff provided an update on the SR-14 PAED process, which studies improvements along a 30-mile section of State Highway 15 between Interstate 5 and Pear Blossom Highway. The purpose is to improve safety and operations while constructing additional multimodal improvements. Metro is leading this project along with Caltrans and the North County Transportation Coalition. The project is currently in the public scoping and comment period. This public scoping begins the project's environmental analysis including preparation of several technical studies, which will be completed in 2025. A draft Environmental Impact Report will be released in 2026, which will include a Vehicle Miles Traveled analysis.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no Fiscal Impact to receive this TAC update.