Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

DRAFT MINUTES

ARROYO VERDUGO COMMUNITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Thursday, February 5, 2026 - 4:00 p.m.
City of Pasadena – City Hall
Pasadena, CA 91101

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bowman called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Kim Bowman, Chair
Zizette Mullins, Vice Chair
Daniel Brotman, Member
Sheila Rossi, Member

Excused: Justin Jones, Member

Not Present: David Perry, Member

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

V. PRESENTATIONS - None

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority Minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 30, 2025
Staff Recommendation: To Approve Minutes of October 30 , 2025

B. Treasurer's Report
Staff Recommendation: Receive and File

C. Check Warrant
Staff Recommendation: Receive and File

MOTION
Vice Chair Mullins moved, and Member Brotman 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 Regional Council Elections

Presenter: Erik Rodriguez, SCAG Sr. Government Affairs Officer
Staff Recommendation: Information Only

Erik Rodriguez told the Governing board about the SCAG Regional District Elections taking place this Spring. The open seat is in District 42, which encompasses Glendale and Burbank. The incumbent in Nikki Perez of Burbank. SCAG will conduct and administer the election, with a call for candidates taking place on March 2nd and the election taking place on April 2nd. The term will officially begin at the May 7th, 2026, SCAG General Assembly.
A quorum for this election consists of at least one council member from each of the two cities, either in person or via teleconference.

There were no public comments or comments from the governing board on this item.

B. Cambridge Systematics Contract Extension

Staff Recommendation: to authorize the Executive Director to execute the final Contract Option with Cambridge Systematics, Inc, for consultant services to develop the AVCJPA FY29 and FY30 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Plan in the amount not to exceed $27,751.

Executive Director Joaquin T. Siques presented the item. The original award of contract to Cambridge Systematics for consulting services related to the Measure M Multiyear Subregional Plan (MSP) was signed in 2018 and allows for four additional extensions. Contract options are exercised to align with the two-year cycles for funding. The consulting services are paid for by a .5% amount set aside as part of the funding agreement to pay for consulting services. The funding allocation itself is treated as a separate item, Item VIII C, on the agenda.

There were no public comments or comments from the Governing Board on this item.

MOTION:

Member Brotman moved, and Vice Chair Mullins seconded, a motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute the final Contract Option with Cambridge Systematics, Inc., for consultant services to develop the AVCJPA FY 29 and FY 30 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Plan. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

C. Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program Funding Allocation
Staff Recommendation: Approve the allocation of FY29 and FY30 funding based on a per-capita basis by jurisdictional population.

Executive Director Siques introduced the item. Per the previous item, Metro's Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Plan's four five-year funding plans are submitted in even years. Past practices are to distribute funds to each agency on a per capita basis. Staff recommends continuing this practice of per capita dispersal. This is the recommendation of the AVCJPA Transportation Advisory Commission as well. The funding amount for FY 2029 and FY30 totals $36,239,685. Following the approval, AVCJPA member agencies can identify projects that align with the funding criteria ; the project list will be presented to the Governing Board in the fall of 2026 before being submitted to Metro.

There were no public comments or comments from the Governing Board on this item.

MOTION:
Member Brotman moved, and Vice Chair Mullins seconded, a motion to approve the allocation of FY29 and FY30 funding on a per-capita basis by jurisdictional population. 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
2. SCAG Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
3. SCAG Community, Economic & Human Development Committee –

Written updates on the November 2025 SCAG Community, Economic, & Human Development Committee Meeting, and the December 2025 Joint SCAG Committees Meeting were submitted ahead of the meeting and posted to the site as well as distributed to the Board Members.

4. League of California Cities – L.A. County Division-

Board member Daniel Brotman offered an oral update from the League of California Cities Meeting that took place on January 28, 2026. In that meeting, the group discussed the lack of funding restoration to homeless services in the state budget proposal, an upcoming film and tax credit, and potential ballot measures to increase local sales tax.

Member Brotman finally asked if the Governing Board preferred a written report to an oral report. Chair Bowman expressed a preference for a written report as it is easier to share with his home jurisdiction but said that an oral report is better than nothing. Member Rossi concurred.

Member Brotman confirmed that he is taking his responsibility seriously and plans thorough reports to the Governing Board during Board Meetings.

Chair Bowman thanked the Governing Board representatives on various groups.

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. Mr. Kriske offered an oral update was provided as well, which included details on the Metro G Line Improvements, the Metro Short Range Transit Plan, the Metro Transit Oriented Communities Program, and the Metro Complete Streets Training Program, and answered Governing Board questions.

Board member Rossi asked for clarification on the Transit Oriented Communities update and noted that South Pasadena would be interested in utilizing it once the program moves beyond its pilot stage.

Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. Kriske provided additional information to staff on the Metro Transit Oriented Communities and Station Activations Program which were shared with the Governing Board.

C. Report from AVCJPA Transportation Advisory Committee
A written report was provided by David Kriske and included in the meeting agenda packet. Mr. Kriske offered an oral update as well, which included details on member cities' responses to SB 79, and Metro Measure M's Subregional Funding Program Cycle. He also noted that the group meets as-needed but are looking to meet and report-out to the Governing Board on a more formal basis. He also answered Governing Board questions.

Board member Rossi noted that only Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena were mentioned in the report as coordinating efforts to respond to SB79 and asked that the various agencies work together to maintain the historic character of the subregion in an area of potential increased density. She also asked if there was an infrastructure component to the funding to plan for the potential growth.

Public Comment
Adam Goldberg, resident of North Hollywood, encouraged the various agencies to build more housing, and suggested implementing a vacancy tax to encourage developers to rent or sell the housing that they build.

Board Member Brotman asked if Cities have the authority to withhold permits to Metro regarding the Bus Rapid Transit Project. Mr. Kriske noted that this is a gray area, but that Metro agrees to abide by the permit process for construction. He also noted that Burbank specifically is requesting a new environmental impact study under CEQA that takes SB 79 into consideration. The letter from Burbank was shared with the Governing board after the meeting.

Vice Chair Mullins noted that cities voices are stronger together and offered to share a letter with the Governing Board that Burbank had sent State Senators about infrastructure funding in the face of SB 79.

Board Member Rossi noted that sending letters has proven to be insufficient and urged the local agencies to work together to advocate for the region's infrastructure improvement needs in light of SB 79.

D. Report from AVCJPA Executive Director (Oral)
Presenter: Joaquin T. Siques, Executive Director
Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File
Executive Director Joaquin T. Siques thanked the board members and David Kriske for their report outs at this meeting. Director Siques introduced Metro's Construction Relations Manager Matt Evans, who spoke about the upcoming community meeting series regarding the North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Project. Director Siques also reminded the group that the next Regular Meeting of the AVCJPA will take place on Wednesday April 29th.

X. REMAINING PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

XI. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS (For written 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 5:06pm