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ments in the Newhall Pass were approved by the Los Angeles County Metro Thursday.

oday to move forward on two projects identified by North Los Angeles County leaders and residents as high priorities under Measure M.

s contract for the I-5 North Capacity Enhancements project in the Santa Clarity Valley and a rail corridor service development plan for the High

rt services contract for the I-5 project is a critical milestone that is required for the procurement process of a construction contractor and to ac t, which is set to begin in Spring 2021, according to the agency.

carpool lanes between the SR-14/I-5 interchange and Castaic and will add southbound truck-only lanes through Newhall. The project was app unding through Measure M. It also received significant grant funds from state and federal agencies.

estern U.S. and this project is the realization of many years of effort and partnership with local, state and federal stakeholders," said Supervis o acknowledge the Metro project team and Caltrans for their close coordination on this project, in addition to some key local leaders who have enheim and the I-5 Golden State Gateway Coalition, and the North County Transportation Coalition Executive Director Arthur Sohikian."

closer to the "shovel-ready" stage, the Metro board's approval of a rail corridor service development plan includes at least 15 percent preliminar modeling and simulation analysis; fleet

ship between XpressWest, Metro, and th

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To ensure that the plan moved forward expeditiously, Barger agreed to advance \$1.5 million Measure M funds at a later date.

"This is a transformative project for Palmdale, the Antelope Valley and the greater Los Angeles region," said Barger. "We have an exciting private sector partner in XpressWest in addition to our partners. Working together, we are bringing this project to the shovel-ready stage. After many years of coordinated efforts between Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties I'm very excited to move another step closer to delivering a one-seat, high-speed ride from Palmdale to Las Vegas and linking to our Metrolink system."

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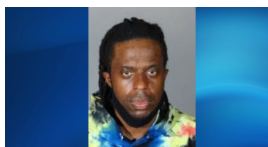
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