



North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition

A Joint Powers Authority

Summary of Board Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Monday, April 22, 2019 - 1:00 PM

City of Santa Clarita

The Activities Center, Sycamore Room A/B
20880 Centre Pointe Pkwy, Santa Clarita CA 91350

NCTC JPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

Chair: Vice Mayor Marvin Crist, City of Lancaster

Vice Chair: Mayor Marsha McLean, City of Santa Clarita

Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th Supervisorial District, County of Los Angeles

Mark Pestrella, Director of Public Works, County of Los Angeles

Victor Lindenheim, Golden State Gateway Coalition, County of Los Angeles

Kenneth Mann, Council Member, City of Lancaster

Jason Caudle, City Manager, City of Lancaster

Steve Hofbauer, Mayor, City of Palmdale

Austin Bishop, Council Member, City of Palmdale

Richard Loa, Council Member, City of Palmdale

Bob Kellar, Council Member, City of Santa Clarita

Robert Newman, Director of Public Works, City of Santa Clarita

EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS:

Macy Neshati, Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA)

Adrian Aguilar, Santa Clarita Transit

BOARD MEMBER ALTERNATES:

Dave Perry, County of Los Angeles

Juan Carrillo, Council Member, City of Palmdale

Mike Hennawy, City of Santa Clarita

STAFF

Executive Director: Arthur V. Sohikian, AVS Consulting, Inc.

Treasurer: John Naimo, County of Los Angeles

Legal Counsel: Warren R. Wellen, County of Los Angeles

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair McLean calls meeting to Order at 1:05pm. A quorum was not established because all member agencies were not represented. Therefore, without a quorum no items could be voted on.

2. ROLL CALL

All members were present except Chair Crist, Director Mann, Director Barger and Director Caudle.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Director Hofbauer.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. MINUTES/MEETING RECAP OF PROCEEDINGS

Review and Approve January 14, 2019 Board of Director's Minutes/Board Meeting Recap of Proceedings.

Recommended Action: Approve January 14, 2019 Minutes/Board Meeting Recap of Proceedings held in the Antelope Valley Transit Authority, Community Room.

NO QUORUM/NO ACTION TAKEN

5. MEMBER AGENCY TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT PROJECT UPDATES –

NCTC Executive Director & Member Agency Staff

Recommended Action: Receive and file Map & Report.

Executive Director, Mr. Sohikian stated that Item 5 projects had been updated and had been updated on the website.

REGULAR CALENDAR

6. METRO NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR UPDATE – Metro Director Ara Najarian.

Recommended Action: Receive and file report.

Metro Director Najarian provided an update on key NCTC priorities that he has worked on at LA Metro and Metrolink. Director Najarian along with Director Barger led the effort to approve the NCTC Measure M projects in February 2019. Director Najarian and Director Barger made a motion on HSR requesting additional information regarding the plans for connectivity to LA. He stated there's plenty of money for HSR and Metro is committed to build up the connectivity from Union Station to Palmdale. Regarding the bottleneck on SR14, Caltrans is studying and committed to solving the problem. They received over \$4M for the Needs Assessment Report.

Public Speaker: Sandra Cattell spoke on behalf of the Sierra Club and applauded the vision for the AV Line. She addressed the need for public transportation from the I405 to the SR126 and the SR126 to Ventura County.

7. METROLINK NORTH COUNTY UPDATE – Metrolink CEO, Stephanie Wiggins.

Recommended Action: Receive and file report.

New Metrolink CEO, Stephanie Wiggins gave an overview of Metrolink and Metro and gave specific info on the Antelope Valley line. Ms. Wiggins Metrolink presentation can be viewed on the NCTC website.

8. METRO REGIONAL RAIL ANTELOPE VALLEY LINE STUDY UPDATE – NCTC

Executive Director, Jeanet Owens/Brian Balderrama/Will Ridder, Metro

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

Jeanet Owens/Brian Balderrama's presentation about LinkUS that provides run thru track capability reducing track run times and the AV Line Study can be viewed on the NCTC website.

Director Hofbauer stated that the travel times need to be reduced on the AV Line. Director McLean wanted the survey to be extended until Friday. Director Lindeheim asked about funding and the capital investment.

9. CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL & SHERIFFS NORTH COUNTY UPDATE

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report from CHP and LA County Sheriff's.*

The fatal traffic collisions in the Newhall division highways have decreased from 27 in 2016 to 20 in 2017 and 21 in 2018. Caltrans has contracted additional Highway Patrol personnel to be deployed during construction periods. Resources have been diminished over the years which precludes stops for speeding.

Antelope Valley Highway Patrol Office has received additional grant funding to add personnel to mitigate potential fatality collisions based on 10 fatal collisions in the first quarter. HOV violations are difficult to enforce because the striping is absent.

Director Hofbauer questioned whether having striped lanes during construction was beneficial. Director Lindeheim asked about accident reports for the SR138.

Executive Director Sohikian asked for additional information and accident reports for the SR138 interchanges to be provided at the July 22 Board meeting.

Santa Clarita Sheriff's update included a 13% reduction in 2018 traffic collisions due to PSA's, movie theatres, social media and billboards used to educate the public. Citations went from approximately 11,000 in 2016 to over 18,000 in 2018 focusing on areas with high speed or high collision rates.

Palmdale Sheriff's station reported 18 fatalities in 2018 with 3 in this first quarter. Street racing enforcement operation and cell phone violation operations are assisting with traffic safety.

10. SCAG PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION E (1)(A)

– NCTC Executive Director, SCAG staff (invited).-

Recommend Action: *Discuss.*

Director Hofbauer stated he would recommend that the SCAG General Assembly table the proposed Bylaws amendment and urged member agencies deliver letters to SCAG requesting the item be tabled pending further discussion.

11. CALTRANS HIGHWAYS PROJECT UPDATES – Osama Megalla, Caltrans.

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

Osama Megallas presentation map can be seen on the NCTC website.

Public Speaker Jeff Zimmerman representing the Oslo Town Council attended with 240th St. And 245th St. to 3 Points Rd. to 300 St. where most of the major accidents are crash photos on the NW SR138 and spoke regarding high speeds, fatalities and West intersections at 60th St. W, 90th St. W, 110th St. W, 150th St. W, all the way to 14 to the I5 to the occurring.

Public Speaker Denise Shippy spoke about the fatality crash of her neighbor on the SR138 and that the SR138 is the only access to resident's homes. She insisted the

SR138 needs to be safer.

Public Speaker Betty Williams spoke about hitting a twelve year old with her car and killing her in 2005 along 300th St. She stated because there are no turnouts or speed control the accident was inevitable.

Director McLean stated that we need the money to make the improvements.

Public Speaker Wayne Silas asked Caltrans about the highway being built before Tejon homes being built.

Caltrans Mr. Megalla stated that the environmental study for widening the SR138 was completed June 2017 for the SR138 segment SR14 out to the I5 corridor but there are currently no funds for that project.

Director McLean asked to have SR138 safety updates posted on the Caltrans website.

Director Hofbauer asked Caltrans if they could educate drivers or post more signage.

Director McLean asked if more safety signs could be posted by Caltrans.

12. METRO HIGHWAYS PROJECT UPDATES – Abdollah Ansari/Isidro Panuco, Metro
Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

Isidro Panuco's presentation can be viewed on the NCTC website.

The high desert corridor project is a \$10B project. Metro is evaluating options on SR138, SR14/I5 to San Bernardino County. There is more need than resources so Metro will be diligent on where funds are spent.

Director Lindehiem asked if the I-5 project next phase that Metro took over is on time. Mr. Panuco answered yes, pending Caltrans timely submission of documents.

13. CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL UPDATE – Michelle Boehm, CA High Speed Rail Authority

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

Michelle Boehm's presentation can be viewed on the NCTC website.

The State of California still intends to build 800 miles of all electric HSR at an adjusted timeline.

14. NCTC CA HIGH SPEED RAIL POSITION PAPER – NCTC Executive Director & Member Agency Staff

Recommended Action: *Adopt Position/Direct Staff.*

Executive Director Sohikian tabled the item to July 22 meeting.

15. HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR PROJECT UPDATE – Josh Candelaria, HDC JPA

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

Josh Candelaria is interim staff representing the JPA organization. A workshop with the stakeholders last year determined that east-west mobility is important and prioritized rail and the SR138/SR118 improvements. Policy decisions made subsequent to the workshop were to prioritize the record of decision, which is the prerequisite for right of way acquisition, direct staff to identify local funding to offset that and the JPA became a local sponsor for the private activity bonds. Funding may be coming from the Federal side.

16. MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM UPDATE; INITIAL FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMMING PLAN – NCTC Executive Director & Member Agency Staff

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

Executive Director Sohikian stated that the projects were approved by Metro Board in February and the member agencies are moving forward with their funding agreements with Metro. The current goal is to get the funding agreements with Metro executed.

17. MEASURE UP! ARTERIAL PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT PROGRAM PILOT EXTENSION UPDATE – Eva Pan Moon, Metro
Recommended Action: *Receive Measure UP! Live simulation.*
Metro Eva Pan Moons report can be viewed at the NCTC website.

18. NCTC BOARD OFFICERS – NCTC Executive Director
Recommended Action: *Move Election of Board Officers to October 21, 2019 meeting.*
Executive Director Sohikian tabled the item to July 22 meeting will stay in place.

19. METRO LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – Michael Turner and Raffi Hamparian, Metro
Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

Michael Turner stated that Metro is opposing SB152 which shifts the active transportation program from a statewide driven program to a local program which may reduce the allocation of funds to local projects.

Raffi Hamparian stated Metro continues to advance the rebuilding America initiative, a big grant program by reviving a new reauthorization bill. The House is working on a dynamic large infrastructure package while the Senate is working on a regular order authorization bill. DOT applications for the Build Grant programs maximum \$25M grants are due in the next couple months. Last year about 67% of the grants went to rural but now it will be a 50/50 split between urban and rural. Metro has submitted for the Infigrant program. Metro local hire is looking to permit Metro and other agencies to hire locally.

20. NCTC BOARD MEMBER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Hofbauer talked about SR138 ADA project funding being delayed from 2020 to 2024 and asked NCTC and Caltrans if there were solutions to remedy timely completion for these critical ADA projects.

Director Lindeheim mentioned staffing and hiring for projects being built. Also, the Transportation Bill SB152

21. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No further public comments.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjournment was at 3:15pm