

A Joint Powers Authority

# 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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### 1. CALL TO ORDER – Marvin Crist, Chair

### 2. ROLL CALL

### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the Board, any public comments on any of the Consent Calendar items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Board request specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar.

#### 4. MINUTES/MEETING RECAP OF PROCEEDINGS

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

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

### 5. MEMBER AGENCY TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT PROJECT UPDATES -

NCTC Executive Director & Member Agency Staff <u>Recommended Action:</u> *Receive and file Map & Report.* 

### **REGULAR CALENDAR**

At the discretion of the Board, all items appearing on this Agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated and may be subject to action by the Board.

- 6. METRO NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR UPDATE Metro Director Ara Najarian. <u>Recommended Action:</u> *Receive and file report.*
- 7. METROLINK NORTH COUNTY UPDATE Metrolink CEO, Stephanie Wiggins <u>Recommended Action:</u> *Receive and file report.*
- 8. METRO REGIONAL RAIL ANTELOPE VALLEY LINE STUDY UPDATE NCTC Executive Director, Jeanet Owens/Brian Balderrama/Will Ridder, Metro <u>Recommended Action:</u> *Receive and file report.*
- **9.** CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL & SHERIFFS NORTH COUNTY UPDATE <u>Recommended Action:</u> *Receive and file report from CHP and LA County Sheriff's.*
- 10. SCAG PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION E (1)(A)

   NCTC Executive Director, SCAG staff (invited).
   Recommend Action: Discuss.
- **11. CALTRANS HIGHWAYS PROJECT UPDATES** Osama Megalla, Caltrans <u>Recommended Action:</u> *Receive and file report.*

- **12. METRO HIGHWAYS PROJECT UPDATES** Abdollah Ansari/Isidro Panuco, Metro <u>Recommended Action:</u> *Receive and file report*.
- 13. CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL UPDATE Michelle Boehm, CA High Speed Rail Authority Recommended Action: *Receive and file report*.
- 14. NCTC CA HIGH SPEED RAIL POSITION PAPER NCTC Executive Director & Member Agency Staff <u>Recommended Action:</u> Adopt Position/Direct Staff.
- **15. HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR PROJECT UPDATE** Josh Candelaria, HDC JPA <u>Recommended Action:</u> *Receive and file report.*
- 16. MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM UPDATE; INITIAL FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMMING PLAN – NCTC Executive Director & Member Agency Staff <u>Recommended Action:</u> Receive and file report.
- 17. MEASURE UP! ARTERIAL PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT PROGRAM PILOT EXTENSION UPDATE – Eva Pan Moon, Metro Recommended Action: Receive Measure UP! Live simulation.
- **18. NCTC BOARD OFFICERS** NCTC Executive Director <u>Recommended Action:</u> Move Election of Board Officers to October 21, 2019 meeting.
- **19. METRO LEGISLATIVE UPDATES** Michael Turner and Raffi Hamparian, Metro <u>Recommended Action:</u> *Receive and file report.*

## 20. NCTC BOARD MEMBER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## **21. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **22. ADJOURNMENT**

#### **Public Comments:**

At this time members of the public can address the NCTC Board of Directors regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the agency that are not separately listed on this agenda, subject to the 3 minute time restriction, by filling out a Public Comment Card and submitting that card to the Executive Director. Member(s) of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agendized items at the time the item is called for discussion. No action may be taken on items not listed on the agenda unless authorized by law. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Board in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

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# **AGENDA REPORT – BOARD ITEM 4** North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition

Date: April 22, 2019 To: Governing Board Members of the North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition (NCTC) JPA From: Arthur V. Sohikian, Executive Director Subject: NCTC JPA Recap of Proceedings from January 14, 2019 Board Meeting BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

> Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room 42210 6<sup>th</sup> Street West, Lancaster CA 93534

# Monday, January 14, 2019 - 1:00 PM

# 1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Marv Crist called meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

# 2. ROLL CALL

**Directors Present:** 

Chair, Vice Mayor Marvin Crist, City of Lancaster 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Marsha McClean, City of Santa Clarita Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5<sup>th</sup> 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, Councilmember, City of Lancaster Jason Caudle, City Manager, City of Lancaster Steve Hofbauer, Councilmember, City of Palmdale Austin Bishop, Councilmember, City of Palmdale Richard Loa, Citycouncilmember, City of Palmdale Bob Kellar, Councilmember, City of Santa Clarita Robert Newman, Director of Public Works, City of Santa Clarita Norm Hickling, non-voting member, AVTA Adrian Aguilar, non-voting member, Santa Clarita Transit

<u>Staff Present:</u> Executive Director – Arthur V. Sohikian, AVS Consulting, Inc. Legal Counsel – Warren R. Wellen, County of Los Angeles County Counsel

# 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Pledge led by Marsha McLean



# VOTING LEGEND

| Y=YES    | ABS=Abstain |
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| N=NO     | C=Conflict  |
| A=Absent |             |

4. APPROVED Minutes/Meeting Recap of Proceeding of the NCTC Board September 17, 2018

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5. RECEIVED AND FILED – Member Agency Transportation & Transit Project Updates

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6. **RECEIVED AND FILED** – SCAG President Wapner 2019 SCAG Update

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7. **RECEIVED AND FILED** – SCAG Policy Committee Appointments Update.

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8. **RECEIVED AND FILED** – California Highway Patrol and Sheriffs North County Update.

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9. APPROVE FY2018-19 REVISED BUDGET & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SIGNING AUTHORITY

 Approved FY2018-9 Revised Budget & Authorize Executive Director signing authority for
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Administrative Costs up to \$10,000.00.

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10. **RECEIVED AND FILED** – Measure M Subregional Funds; Initial Five-Year Programming.

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11. **RECEIVED AND FILED** – Metro Highways Project Updates.

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12. **RECEIVED AND FILED** – Metrolink Update and Lancaster Ridership Data Review.

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13. RECEIVED AND FILED – Metro Regional Rail, Antelope Valley Line Study Update.

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14. **RECEIVED AND FILED** – High Desert Corridor Project Update.

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15. **RECEIVED AND FILED** – California High Speed Rail Update.

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**16.RECEIVED AND FILED** – Caltrans Highways Project Updates.

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**17.RECEIVED AND FILED** – Metro Legislative Updates.

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**18.RECEIVED AND FILED** – NCTC Board member future agenda items.

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**19. Public Comment** – Jackie Ayers.

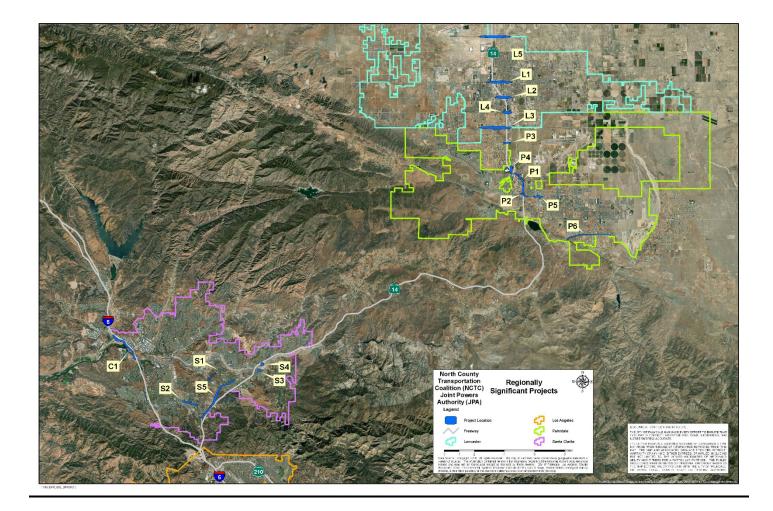
20.Adjournment – NCTC January 14, 2019 meeting was adjourned at 2:59pm.

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# AGENDA REPORT – BOARD ITEM 5 North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition

Date:April 22, 2019To:Governing Board Members of the North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition (NCTC) JPAFrom:Arthur V. Sohikian, Executive DirectorSubject:NCTC Transportation & Transit Projects Update





# North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition

| Project #  | Jurisdiction(s)                 | Project Name  | Project Location   | Brief Project Description  | Funding Type   | Status   | Budget<br>Amount | Start Date (MOU<br>approval w/<br>Metro) | Completion<br>Date                     |
|------------|---------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|------------------|--|--|
| L1         | Lancaster                       | PWCP 14-010 Avenue J<br>Interchange Improvement Project                       | 14 Freeway Interchange From 25th Street<br>West to 15th Street West                                  | SR-138 (SR-14) Avenue J Interchange mainline improvements to accommodate ramp modifications.   | Measure R  | Circulating the<br>environmental document<br>and moving into Design    | \$20M            | 11/13/2014                               | 04/30/2021                             |
| L2         | Lancaster                       | PWCP 13-018 Avenue K<br>Interchange Improvement Project                       | 14 Freeway Interchange From 10th<br>Street West to 20th Street West                                  | SR-138 (SR-14) Avenue K Interchange mainline improvements to accommodate ramp modifications.   | Measure R  | Circulating the<br>environmental document<br>and moving into Design    | \$25M            | 01/29/2014                               | 03/30/2022                             |
| L3         | Lancaster<br>Palmdale<br>County | PWCP 13-019 Avenue M<br>Interchange Improvement Project                       | 14 Freeway Interchange From 10th Street<br>West to 30th Street West                                  | SR-138 (SR-14) Avenue M Interchange mainline improvements to accommodate ramp modifications.   | Measure R  | Circulating the<br>environmental document<br>and moving into Design    | \$28M            | 01/29/2014                               | 01/30/2022                             |
| L4         | Lancaster                       | PWCP 15-001 Avenue L<br>Interchange Improvement Project                       | 14 Freeway Interchange From 10th Street<br>West to 15th Street West                                  | SR-138 (SR-14) Avenue L Interchange mainline improvements to accommodate ramp modifications.   | Measure R  | Circulating the<br>environmental document<br>and moving into Design    | \$8M             | 03/14/2016                               | 10/31/2022                             |
| L5         | Lancaster<br>County             | PWCP 13-020 Avenue G<br>Interchange Improvement Project                       | 14 Freeway Interchange From 10th Street<br>West to 30th Street West                                  | SR-138 (SR-14) Avenue G Interchange mainline improvements to accommodate ramp modifications.   | Measure R  | Circulating the<br>environmental document<br>and moving into Design    | \$11M            | 02/28/2014                               | 12/31/2021                             |
| P1         | Palmdale                        |   | SR 138 (SR-14) Widening between Rancho<br>Vista Blvd/Avenue P, includes northbound<br>offramp at RVB |  | Measure R  | Construction to begin late<br>2018; Awarded project to<br>CA Rasmussen | \$25M            | 8/30/2014 (MOU<br>MR 330.10)             | 12/01/2020                             |
| P2         | Palmdale                        | SR 138 (SR-14) Widening @<br>Palmdale Blvd Interchange                        | SR 138 (SR-14) @ Palmdale Blvd<br>Interchange  | Widening of offramps to allow for better queing and storage; right hand turn lane from Palmdale Blvd to Division street.                                   | Measure R/Measure M  | PAED/PSE   | \$35M            | 1/3/2014 (MOU<br>MR 330.08)              | 11/01/2021                             |
| P3         | Palmdale<br>County              | SR 138 (SR-14) Avenue N<br>Widening & Interchange<br>Improvements             | SR 138 (SR-14) @ Avenue N Interchange  | Reconfiguration of on and off ramps at Avenue N and widening of bridge across SR 14  | Measure R  | PAED   | \$25M            | 9/23/2014 (MOU<br>MR 330.11)             | 03/01/2024                             |
| P4         | Palmdale                        | SR 138 (SR-14) 10th Street West<br>Widening Interchange<br>Improvements       | 10th Street West from RVB to O-8 and<br>northbound offramp   | Widening of 10th Street West from RVB to O-8 and offramp improvements  | Measure R  | PS&E   | \$32M            | 10/7/2013 (MOU<br>MR 330.09)             | 03/01/2022                             |
| Р5         | Palmdale                        | SR 138 (Palmdale Blvd) 5th Street<br>East to 10th Street East<br>Improvements | SR 138 (Palmdale Blvd) 5th Street East to<br>10th Street East  | Widening of Palmdale Blvd from 5th East to 10th East<br>and railroad improvement   | Measure R  | PS&E   | \$25M            | 6/20/2013 (MOU<br>MR 330.07)             | 01/01/2022                             |
| P6         | Palmdale<br>County              | Pearblossom Highway<br>Reconstruction   | Pearblossom Hwy from 25th St East to<br>55th St East   | Reconstruction of pavement and subgrade of this regional truck and commuter route  | Federal STPL and Local   | PS&E   | \$8M             | Construction 1st<br>quarter 2019         | 4th quarter<br>2019                    |
| <b>S1</b>  | Santa Clarita                   | Via Princessa   | Sheldon Avenue to Golden Valley Road   | 6-Lane Major Arterial with raised landscaped median<br>and Class I Bike Facility along one side.   | Measure M 2007 Metro<br>Call Developer Fees                    | Circulating EIR and moving<br>into design                              | \$36M            | Fiscal Year 2019-<br>20 (Construction)   | Fiscal Year 202<br>22<br>(Construction |
| <b>S2</b>  | Santa Clarita                   | Dockweiler Drive  | Valle del Oro to Railroad Avenue   | 4-Lane Secondary Arterial with raised landscaped median and Class II Bike Facility along both sides.   | Measure M 2013 Metro<br>Call 2013 Metro Call<br>Developer Fees | Contract for design<br>scheduled for City Council<br>in June           | \$28M            | Fiscal Year 2020-<br>21 (Construction)   |  |
| <b>S</b> 3 | Santa Clarita                   | Vista Canyon Metrolink Station &<br>Parking Structure                         | Lost Canyon Road @ Metrolink ROW   | New Metrolink Station and 750-space parking structure in the Canyon Country area of Santa Clarita.   | Measure R Measure M<br>2013 Metro Call SB1<br>LPP Grant        | Preliminary Design   | \$47M            | November 2019<br>(Construction)          | November 202<br>(Construction          |
| <b>S</b> 4 | Santa Clarita                   | Vista Canyon Road Bridge  | Soledad Canyon Road to Vista Canyon<br>Road  | Vista Canyon Road Bridge and intersection<br>improvements to provide access from Soledad Canyon<br>Road to the Vista Canyon Metrolink station.             | Measure R Developer<br>Fees                                    | Preliminary Design   | \$22M            | July 2019<br>(Construction)              | December 202<br>(Construction          |
| <b>S</b> 5 | Santa Clarita                   | Sierra Highway Improvements   | Newhall Avenue to Whispering Leaves<br>Drive   | Integration of Sierra Highway into the City's ITS. This project also includes left-turn pocket extensions, additional lanes, and dynamic lane utilization. | Measure R Measure M  | Preliminary Design   | \$3.5M           | June 2021<br>(Construction)              | November 202<br>(Construction          |
| C1         | County of Los<br>Angeles        | The Old Rd - Henry Mayo Dr to<br>Magic Mountain Pkwy                          | The Old Rd - Henry Mayo Dr to Magic<br>Mountain Pkwy   | Widening and bridge replacement  | Multiple Funding   | Environmental/Design   | \$115M           | Summer 2023<br>(Construction)            | Summer 2025                            |

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# AGENDA REPORT – BOARD ITEM 8 North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition

Date: April 22, 2019

To: Governing Board Members of the North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition (NCTC) JPA From: Arthur V. Sohikian, Executive Director

# Subject:Metro Regional Rail Antelope Valley Line Study Service Improvements UpdateRecommended:Receive and File Report.

# **Background**

In 2017, Metro Directors Barger and Najarian's motion was approved by the Metro Board of Directors to initiate the Antelope Valley Line (AVL) Study intended to study increasing the frequency of the Metrolink services and develop a phased and prioritized approach for infrastructure improvements to support the level of services based on benefits, costs and impacts. Metro in partnership with Metrolink, is conducting the AVL Study to seek upgraded service improvements on the AVL.

The 76.6-mile long AVL is composed of 12 stations and has the third highest ridership in Metrolink's commuter rail system with approximately 7,000 passengers per weekday. Metrolink's AVL also has the longest average trip length system-wide at 42.2 miles. It is the only Metrolink route that operates entirely within LA County and it is the only high-capacity transit corridor that connects the cities of Lancaster, Palmdale, Unincorporated LA County 5<sup>th</sup> District, Santa Clarita, Burbank, Glendale and Los Angeles. The Metrolink corridor runs parallel to the 5 and 14 Freeways, providing critical congestion relief and avoiding single occupancy vehicle trips.

Due to the mountainous terrain of the northern portion of the AVL, the average speed for this line is approximately 40mph with passenger rail travel time of approximately two hours between Lancaster and LA Union Station (LAUS). Currently, up to 42 trains operate on this AVL segment per day (30 Metrolink trains and 12 Union Pacific Railroad freight trains) on approximately 66% single, mainline track. As a result, the AVL is facing a variety of service challenges due to single track, aging infrastructure and mountainous terrain.

In an effort to address operating conditions along the corridor, increase service frequencies and improve reliability system wide, Metrolink introduced the Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) Program. The SCORE Program is a 10-year, \$10 billion capital improvement plan scheduled for completion in time for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Metrolink has secured \$1.5 billion in funding towards the program and is actively seeking opportunities to fund the remaining \$8.2 billion in capital projects.

# Metro AVL Study Scenarios – Taking the Next Step

The NCTC member agencies have participated in the AVL Study since its inception in June 2018 and were encouraged by the draft results of the study that Metro presented at the February 11, 2019 AVL Study Stakeholders Meeting. Metro/Metrolink staff presented the various Scenarios to upgrade service to a "clock-based" schedule with potential last train departure from LAUS at 11:30pm.

Implementing incremental AVL Study service improvement scenarios could allow the AVL to achieve 30minute bi-directional service during peak and off-peak periods, with intermediate turn-back short trains, fulllength express service, and two late night trains. NCTC, Metro and Metrolink staff are analyzing potential funding sources to achieve the Metrolink AVL service improvements.



At the NCTC April 22 Board meeting, Metro/Metrolink staff will present the AVL Study service improvement scenarios capital costs to achieve the upgraded Metrolink AVL service.

# **Recommendation and Next Steps**

This upgraded Metrolink AVL commuter rail transit service will be transformational for the North County by providing frequent, cost-efficient alternatives to vehicle trips on the SR14 and I-5 therein delivering the type of mobility projects that voters were promised when they approved Measure M in 2016.

NCTC staff recommends that the NCTC Board of Directors receive and file this report. NCTC Board of Directors can direct staff to put the AVL Study service improvements on the July 22, 2019 NCTC Board of Director meeting agenda.

Metro staff is scheduled to seek approval of the AVL Study results to the Metro Board of Directors in July 2019.



# **AGENDA REPORT – BOARD ITEM 14** North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition

Date: April 22, 2019

To: Governing Board Members of the North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition (NCTC) JPA From: Arthur V. Sohikian, Executive Director

# Subject:NCTC CA High Speed Rail Authority Project Position PaperRecommendation:Adopt Position/Direct Staff.

# **Background**

At the January 14, 2019 NCTC Board meeting, the Board received the CA High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) update with two main points regarding the CHSRA projects next steps (tentative schedule):

- 1. The CHSRA Bakersfield to Palmdale Draft Environmental Document (DEIR/DEIS) will be released in September/October 2019; and
- 2. The CHSRA Palmdale to Burbank Draft DEIR/DEIS will be released in January/February 2020.

The NCTC Board directed staff to return to the April 22, 2019 NCTC Board meeting with a proposed draft position paper/letter to be sent to the CHSRA prior to the release of the Draft EIR/EIS for each CHSRA segments within the NCTC jurisdiction.

On February 12<sup>th</sup> during Governor Gavin Newsom's State of the State address in Sacramento, the Governor made some statements regarding the CHSRA project. Governor Newsom stated, "Look, we will continue our regional projects north and south. We'll finish Phase 1 environmental work."

NCTC staff believes it is appropriate for the NCTC to have its position on CHSRA projects known before the Draft environmental statements for Bakersfield to Palmdale and Palmdale to Burbank are released.

# **Proposed NCTC CHSRA Position Paper/Letter – Discussion Points**

# **Bakersfield to Palmdale CHSRA Section**

The Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section is an approximately 80-mile underground, at-grade and elevated rail corridor which goes through or near the cities of Edison, Tehachapi, Rosamond, Lancaster and Palmdale with proposed stations in Bakersfield and at the Palmdale Transportation Center.

In October 2018, the CHSRA Board of Directors concurred with the Staff Recommended State Preferred Alternative as Alternative 2 with CCNM Design Options (consolidated sealed Rail Corridor) with a station at the Palmdale Transportation Center that includes 73 grade separations along the route.

The NCTC Supports the CHSRA Bakersfield to Palmdale Alternative 2 with CCNM (Cesar Chavez National Monument) Design Options to minimize noise and visual impacts which includes the Palmdale Transportation Center Station, all designed grade separations in the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster, and a Double-Ended LMF Maintenance facility site along Avenue M in the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster.



## Palmdale to Burbank CHSRA Section

In November 2018, the CHSRA Board of Directors concurred with the Staff Recommended State Preferred Alternative known as Refined State Route 14 Alternative or "Refined Alternative" which is an approximately 38- mile underground, at-grade and elevated corridor that ends with a station at the Burbank Airport.

The NCTC remains concerned about potential impacts to communities within the CHSRA Palmdale to Burbank section as depicted in the preferred SR 14 Refined alternative. While the CHSRA carries out its environmental studies, the NCTC strongly urges the CHSRA to continue exploring ways to mitigate impacts to communities, including additional tunneling.

The NCTC urges the CHSRA to remain underground through the Santa Clarita Valley, including Acton, Agua Dulce, The San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, and the Magic Mountain Wilderness Area.

## <u>Next Steps</u>

NCTC staff will communicate the CHSRA position for the Bakersfield to Palmdale and the Palmdale to Burbank sections in a letter to the CHSRA Board of Directors and staff with the goal of having the NCTC position reflected in the Draft DEIR/DEIS for each section. NCTC staff will seek meeting(s) with the CHSRA Board members and staff.

After the CHSRA Draft DEIR/DEIS statements are released for each section, NCTC staff will participate in Southern California CHSRA Public Hearings, CHSRA Board of Directors meetings and Community Outreach meetings to strongly communicate the NCTC positions for each segment.



# **AGENDA REPORT – BOARD ITEM 16** North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition

Date: April 22, 2019

To: Governing Board Members of the North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition (NCTC) JPA From: Arthur V. Sohikian, Executive Director

Subject: NCTC Measure M Subregional Funds; Initial Five-year Programming Update

# APPROVED BY METRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FEBRUARY 28, 2019

# Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) -

Active Transportation Program

|    | Agency        | Project/Location  | Total Program        |
|----|---------------|---|----------------------|
| 1  | Lancaster     | Avenue I: Sierra Hwy to 10th Street West  | \$ 913,478           |
| 2  | Lancaster     | Avenue I: 15th Street West to 30th Street West  | 1,890,169            |
| 3  | Lancaster     | Avenue L: 15th Street West to 40th Street West  | 3,192,475            |
| 4  | Lancaster     | Challenger Way: Avenue I to Avenue L  | 1,499,995            |
| 5  | Lancaster     | Sierra Hwy: Avenue J to Avenue L  | 1,267,333            |
| 6  | Palmdale      | Avenue R Complete Street & Safe Routes to School Proj   | 2,695,140            |
| 7  | Santa Clarita | Bicycle Network Connectivity: Calgrove Blvd., McBean<br>Pkwy, Valencia Blvd, Magic Mountain Pkwy  | 672,000              |
| 8  | Santa Clarita | Citywide Bicycle Facilities: Copper Hill Dr., Plum Canyon<br>Rd., Sierra Hwy, Lost Canyon Rd., Via Princessa  | 648,000              |
| 9  | Santa Clarita | Santa Clara River Trail Gap Closure Design: Five Knolls to<br>Discovery Park  | 672,000              |
| 10 | Santa Clarita | Sierra Highway Sidewalk Improvements: Scherzinger Lane<br>to Skyline Ranch Road   | 624,000              |
| 11 | Santa Clarita | Valencia Industrial Center Bicycle and Pedestrian Imp.<br>Phase I: San Francisquito Trail to Avenue Scott E   | 696,000              |
| 12 | LA County     | Elizabeth Lake Road Bikeways: Between Lake Hughes Rd.<br>& Johnson Rd., and Dianron Rd. & 10th St. W  | 1,050,000            |
| 13 | LA County     | Lake Los Angeles Pedestrian Plan Implementation Phase<br>1: 170th St. E, Avenue N, 165th St. E, Avenue N-8, 180th<br>St. E, Avenue P-8, 160th St. E, Avenue Q | 750,000              |
| 13 |               | TOTAL   | <b>\$ 16,570,590</b> |



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|   |      | Agency            | Project/Location  | То | tal Program |
|   | 1    | Palmdale          | Palmdale Transportation Center Transit and Infrastructure<br>Design Project                             | \$ | 2,000,000   |
|   | 2    | Santa Clarita     | Valencia Industrial Center Bus Stop Improvement   |    | 892,000     |
|   | 3    | Santa Clarita     | Vista Canyon Bus Service Expansion  |    | 2,180,000   |
|   | 4    | Santa Clarita     | Vista Canyon Transportation Center  |    | 3,216,000   |
|   | 5    | LA County         | North County Bus Stop Improvements: Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley                                   |    | 2,855,260   |
|   | 6    | LA County         | Santa Clarita Transit - Transit Capital Jurisdictional Share:<br>Santa Clarita and Acton and Agua Dulce |    | 2,000,000   |
|   |      |                   | TOTAL   | \$ | 13,143,260  |

### Highway Efficiency Program

|   | Agency  | Project/Location                                     | Total Program |
|---|---|--|---------------|
| 1 | Palmdale  | SR-138 Palmdale Blvd. SR-14 Ramps                    | \$ 3,351,220  |
| 2 | North County<br>Transportation<br>Coalition JPA | SR-14 Capacity Enhancement/Operational Improvement * | 4,700,000     |
|   |   | TOTAL  | \$ 8,051,220  |

\* Pending identification of a specific project after initial investigations and consultation with Caltrans and Metro.