



North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition

A Joint Powers Authority

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Monday, July 22, 2019 - 1:00 PM

Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA), Community Board Room
42210 6th Street West, Lancaster CA 93534

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

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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

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Macy Neshati, Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA)

Adrian Aguilar, Santa Clarita Transit

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Dave Perry, County of Los Angeles

Council Member, City of Lancaster

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** – 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. A. **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.*

B. **MEMBER AGENCY TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT PROJECT UPDATES** –

NCTC Executive Director & Member Agency Staff

Recommended Action: *Receive and file Map & Report.*

C. **MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM UPDATE** – NCTC

Executive Director & Member Agency Staff

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

D. **HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR PROJECT UPDATE** – Member Agency staff

Recommended Action: *Receive and file 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.

5. **CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL & SHERIFFS NORTH COUNTY UPDATE**

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

6. APPROVE FY 2019-20 BUDGET AND NCTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SIGNING AUTHORITY– Executive Director

Recommended Actions:

A. *Approve the FY 2019-20 Budget*

B. *Authorize Executive Director signing authority for administrative costs/expenses up to \$5,000.00.*

7. METROLINK NORTH COUNTY UPDATE – Alex Davis, Metrolink

Recommend Action: *Receive and File Report.*

8. METRO REGIONAL RAIL ANTELOPE VALLEY LINE STUDY UPDATE – NCTC Executive Director, Jeanet Owens/Brian Balderrama/Wil Ridder, Metro

Recommended Action: *Adopt Position/Direct Staff.*

9. CALTRANS HIGHWAYS PROJECT UPDATES – Osama Megalla, Caltrans

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

10. METRO HIGHWAYS PROJECT UPDATES – Abdollah Ansari/Isidro Panuco, Metro

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

11. CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL UPDATE – Diana Gomez, High Speed Rail

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

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

Recommended Action: *Adopt Position/Direct Staff.*

13. NCTC BOARD OFFICERS – NCTC Executive Director

Recommended Action: *Move Election of Board Officers to October 21, 2019 meeting.*

14. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Recommended Action:

1. Receive and File Executive Director FY2018-19 Performance Review.
2. Extend the term of the Professional Consultant Services contract between the NCTC and AVS Consulting, Inc. by one year, from July 23, 2019 to July 22, 2020 increasing the total compensation for the 12 months to \$75,000.
3. Authorize the NCTC Board Chair to execute the Amendment to the Professional Consultant Services Agreement with AVS Consulting, Inc.

15. NCTC BOARD MEMBER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

16. METRO LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – Michael Turner and Raffi Hamparian, Metro

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

17. PUBLIC COMMENTS

18. 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 agenda 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. A.

North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition

Date: July 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 6th 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
1st Vice Chair 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
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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

Staff Present:

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



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

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

MC	MM	KB	MP	VL	KM	JC	SH	AB	RL	RN	BK	
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

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

MC	MM	KB	MP	VL	KM	JC	SH	AB	RL	RN	BK	
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

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

MC	MM	KB	MP	VL	KM	JC	SH	AB	RL	RN	BK	
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

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

MC	MM	KB	MP	VL	KM	JC	SH	AB	RL	RN	BK	
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

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

MC	MM	KB	MP	VL	KM	JC	SH	AB	RL	RN	BK	
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

9. **APPROVE FY2018-19 REVISED BUDGET & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SIGNING AUTHORITY**
 – Approved FY2018-9 Revised Budget & Authorize Executive Director signing authority for Administrative Costs up to \$10,000.00.

MC	MM	KB	MP	VL	KM	JC	SH	AB	RL	RN	BK	
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

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

MC	MM	KB	MP	VL	KM	JC	SH	AB	RL	RN	BK	
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

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



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MC	MM	KB	MP	VL	KM	JC	SH	AB	RL	RN	BK	
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

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

MC	MM	KB	MP	VL	KM	JC	SH	AB	RL	RN	BK	
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

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

MC	MM	KB	MP	VL	KM	JC	SH	AB	RL	RN	BK	
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

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

MC	MM	KB	MP	VL	KM	JC	SH	AB	RL	RN	BK	
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

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

MC	MM	KB	MP	VL	KM	JC	SH	AB	RL	RN	BK	
Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

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

MC	MM	KB	MP	VL	KM	JC	SH	AB	RL	RN	BK	
Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

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

MC	MM	KB	MP	VL	KM	JC	SH	AB	RL	RN	BK	
Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

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

MC	MM	KB	MP	VL	KM	JC	SH	AB	RL	RN	BK	
Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

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

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

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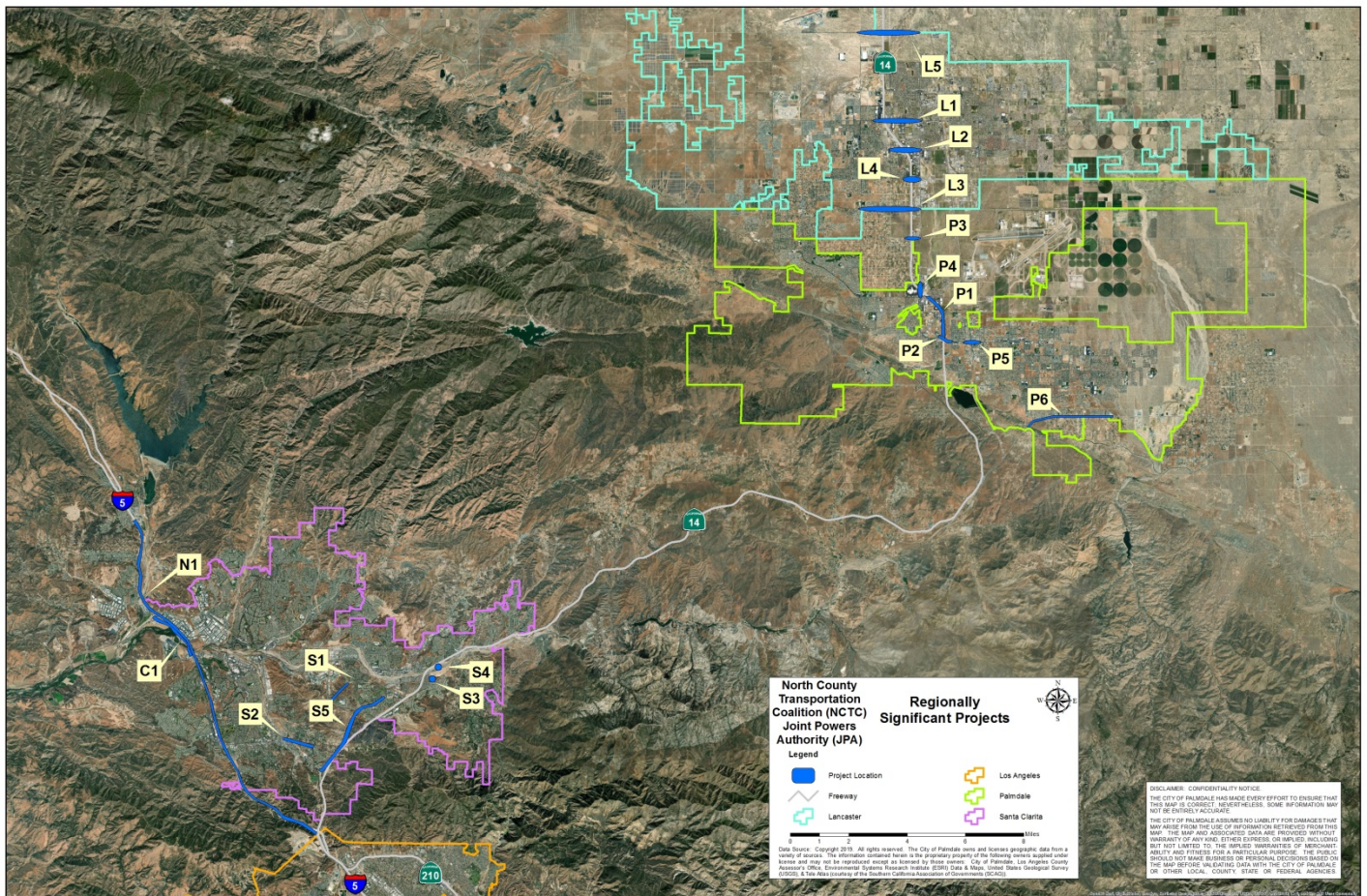
AGENDA REPORT – BOARD ITEM 4. B. North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition

Date: July 22, 2019

To: Governing Board Members of the North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition (NCTC) JPA

From: Arthur V. Sohikian, Executive Director

Subject: NCTC Transportation & Transit Projects Update





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Project #	Jurisdiction(s)	Project Name	Project Location	Brief Project Description	Funding Type	Status	Budget Amount	Start Date (MOU approval w/ Metro)	Completion Date	Project Budget Shortfall
L1	Lancaster	PWCP 14-010 Avenue J Interchange Improvement Project	14 Freeway Interchange From 25th Street West to 15th Street West	SR-138 (SR-14) Avenue J Interchange mainline improvements to accommodate ramp modifications.	Measure R	Circulating the environmental document and moving into Design	\$20M	11/13/2014	04/30/2021	\$18.8M
L2	Lancaster	PWCP 13-018 Avenue K Interchange Improvement Project	14 Freeway Interchange From 10th Street West to 20th Street West	SR-138 (SR-14) Avenue K Interchange mainline improvements to accommodate ramp modifications.	Measure R	Circulating the environmental document and moving into Design	\$25M	01/29/2014	03/30/2022	\$8.5M
L3	Lancaster Palmdale County	PWCP 13-019 Avenue M Interchange Improvement Project	14 Freeway Interchange From 10th Street West to 30th Street West	SR-138 (SR-14) Avenue M Interchange mainline improvements to accommodate ramp modifications.	Measure R	Circulating the environmental document and moving into Design	\$28M	01/29/2014	01/30/2022	\$0
L4	Lancaster	PWCP 15-001 Avenue L Interchange Improvement Project	14 Freeway Interchange From 10th Street West to 15th Street West	SR-138 (SR-14) Avenue L Interchange mainline improvements to accommodate ramp modifications.	Measure R	Circulating the environmental document and moving into Design	\$8M	03/14/2016	10/31/2022	\$8.1M
L5	Lancaster County	PWCP 13-020 Avenue G Interchange Improvement Project	14 Freeway Interchange From 10th Street West to 30th Street West	SR-138 (SR-14) Avenue G Interchange mainline improvements to accommodate ramp modifications.	Measure R	Circulating the environmental document and moving into Design	\$11M	02/28/2014	12/31/2021	\$7.7M
P1	Palmdale	SR 138 (SR-14) Widening between Rancho Vista Blvd/Avenue P and Palmdale Blvd.	SR 138 (SR-14) Widening between Rancho Vista Blvd/Avenue P, includes northbound offramp at RVB	Widening of southbound mainline from RVB to just north of Palmdale Blvd. Widening of northbound offramp at RVB for better queing and storage	Measure R	Construction underway with CA Rasmussen	\$25M	8/30/2014 (MOU MR 330.10)	03/01/2020	NO SHORTFALL (ANY UNEXPENDED FUNDS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO COP PROJECT P2) \$4.5M SHORTFALL BUT WILL USE UNEXPENDED FUNDS FROM PROJECT P1
P2	Palmdale	SR 138 (SR-14) Widening @ Palmdale Blvd Interchange	SR 138 (SR-14) @ Palmdale Blvd 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	\$28M	1/3/2014 (MOU MR 330.08)	09/01/2022	
P3	Palmdale County	SR 138 (SR-14) Avenue N Widening & Interchange 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 MR 330.11)	03/01/2024	\$0
P4	Palmdale	SR 138 (SR-14) 10th Street West Widening Interchange Improvements	10th Street West from RVB to O-8 and northbound offramp	Widening of 10th Street West from RVB to O-8 and offramp improvements	Measure R	PS&E	\$27.6M	10/7/2013 (MOU MR 330.09)	03/01/2023	\$0
P5	Palmdale	SR 138 (Palmdale Blvd) 5th Street East to 10th Street East Improvements	SR 138 (Palmdale Blvd) 5th Street East to 10th Street East	Widening of Palmdale Blvd from 5th East to 10th East and railroad improvement	Measure R	PS&E	\$25M	6/20/2013 (MOU MR 330.07)	08/14/2023	SHORTFALL OF \$10M WHEN IT GOES TO CONSTRUCTION
P6	Palmdale County	Pearblossom Highway Reconstruction	Pearblossom Hwy from 25th St East to 55th St East	Reconstruction of pavement and subgrade of this regional truck and commuter route	Gas Tax, Measure M, Measure R, SB1	Project out to bid. Bid opening on 6/19/19	\$18M	Construction 3rd quarter 2019	4th quarter 2020	\$0
S1	Santa Clarita	Via Princessa	Sheldon Avenue to Golden Valley Road	6-Lane Major Arterial with raised landscaped median and Class I Bike Facility along one side.	Measure M 2007 Metro Call Developer Fees	Circulating EIR and moving into design	\$36M	Fiscal Year 2020-21 (Construction)	FY 2022-23 (Construction)	\$5M
S2	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 Call 2013 Metro Call Developer Fees	Design awarded in July 2019	\$28M	Fiscal Year 2021-22 (Construction)	FY 2023-24 (Construction)	\$17M
S3	Santa Clarita	Vista Canyon Metrolink Station & 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 2013 Metro Call SB1 LPP Grant	Preliminary Design	\$47M	June 2020 (Construction)	June 2022 (Construction)	\$20M
S4	Santa Clarita	Vista Canyon Road Bridge	Soledad Canyon Road to Vista Canyon Road	Vista Canyon Road Bridge and intersection improvements to provide access from Soledad Canyon Road to the Vista Canyon Metrolink station.	Measure R Developer Fees	Preliminary Design	\$22M	April 2020 (Construction)	April 2021 (Construction)	\$0
S5	Santa Clarita	Sierra Highway Improvements	Newhall Avenue to Whispering Leaves 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 (Construction)	November 2021 (Construction)	\$3M
C1	County of Los Angeles	The Old Rd - Henry Mayo Dr to Magic Mountain Pkwy	The Old Rd - Henry Mayo Dr to Magic Mountain Pkwy	Widening and bridge replacement	Multiple Funding	Environmental/Design	\$115M	Summer 2023 (Construction)	Summer 2025	\$33.7M
N1	NCTC	I-5 North Capacity Enhancements	I-5 (SR14 to Parker Road)	add N/S High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane and S Truck Lane	Measure R & Measure M; CA SB1 & Federal INFRA	Final Design/Construction	\$679.4M	Spring 2020 (construction)	Late 2024	None



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DRAFT AGENDA REPORT – BOARD ITEM 6 **North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition**

Date: July 22, 2019

To: Governing Board Members of the North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition (NCTC) JPA

From: Arthur V. Sohikian, Executive Director

Subject: **Approve FY 2019-20 Budget and NCTC Executive Director Signing Authority**

Recommendations:

- A. Approve NCTC FY 2019-20 Budget.
- B. Authorize Executive Director signing authority for administrative costs/expenses up to \$5,000.00.

Fiscal Impact:

FY 2019-20 fiscal impact of \$128,000 described below. Please see Attachment A for the FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 budget breakdown.

Budget Background:

On May 14, 2018 the NCTC JPA was formed. LA County allocated \$100,000 to the NCTC to finance the inaugural year of operations, including the cost of the professional services contract for an Executive Director position and general administrative costs.

FY2019-20 Proposed Budget

To advance the NCTC Transportation Programs and Projects, the Executive Director working closely with Member Agency staff determined the proposed budget for FY2019-20 is \$128,000.

FY 2019-20 LA County Departments anticipated budget is \$48,000. It includes cost for the required audit. NCTC expenses for FY 2019-20 are outlined in Attachment A.

LA County committed to fund the County Counsel and County Auditor-Controller's expenditures for FY 2019-20 leaving a balance of \$80,000 to be split equally amongst the four Member Agency. Each Member Agency dues for FY 2019-20 is \$20,000. LA County dues total \$68,000 (\$20,000 Member Agency dues and \$48,000 LA County Departments expenditures).

Authorize Executive Director signing authority for administrative cost/expenses up to \$5,000.

Attachment A

FY 2018-19 Adopted Budget and Proposed FY 2019-20 Budget Breakdown

NCTC July 22, 2019 BOARD REPORT 6

NCTC JPA BUDGET BREAKDOWN
NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COALITION JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

	FY2018-2019 Approved Budget	FY2019-2020 Proposed Budget	Difference
REVENUES			
LA County	\$ 100,000	\$ 48,000	\$ 52,000
Member Agency Dues	-	\$ 80,000	\$ (80,000)
Sponsorship/Donations	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 100,000	\$ 128,000	\$ (28,000)
EXPENDITURES			
County Counsel & Auditor Controller	\$ 32,000	\$ 48,000	\$ (16,000)
Computer Supplies	-	-	-
Incidental Expenses	-	-	-
Management Services Contract	\$ 50,000	75,000 (a)	\$ (25,000)
Membership Dues	-	-	-
Office & Meeting Supplies	\$ 600	\$ 250	\$ 350
Parking fees	-	-	-
Postage	-	-	-
Printing	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ (500)
Travel	-	-	-
Website	\$ 200	\$ 650	\$ (450)
Record Management (cloud services)	\$ 250	\$ 175	\$ 75
Administration Costs/Misc.	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,925	\$ 7,075
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 93,550	\$ 128,000	\$ (34,450)

Note:

^(a) The executive director contract term is different from the FY. The amount budgeted reflects a portion of the 2nd-year contract amount and a portion of the contract amount from the 1st year contract.



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

Date: July 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 Update

Recommended: Adopt Position/Direct Staff.

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 5th 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 and May AVL Study Stakeholders Meetings. 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 30-minute bi-directional service during peak and off-peak periods, with intermediate turn-back short trains, full-length express service, and two late night trains. NCTC, Metro and Metrolink staff are analyzing potential funding sources to achieve the Metrolink AVL service improvements.



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At the NCTC July 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.

Metro staff is scheduled to seek approval of the AVL Study results to the Metro Board of Directors on July 25, 2019.



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AGENDA REPORT – BOARD ITEM 12 North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition

Date: July 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 Paper

Recommendation: 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 12th 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.



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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.

Next Steps

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.



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

Date: July 22, 2019

To: Governing Board Members of the North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition (NCTC) JPA

From: Member Agency Staff

Subject: **Professional Services Agreement – Executive Director**

Recommendations:

1. Receive and File Executive Director FY2018-19 Performance Review.
2. Extend the term of the Professional Consultant Services contract between the NCTC and AVS Consulting, Inc. by one year, from July 23, 2019 to July 22, 2020 increasing the total compensation for the 12 months to \$75,000.
3. Authorize the NCTC Board Chair to execute the Amendment to the Professional Consultant Services Agreement with AVS Consulting, Inc.

Fiscal Impact:

FY2019-20 fiscal impact of \$75,000 for the Executive Director contract for one year expiring on July 22, 2020.

Executive Director Background:

On July 23, 2018 NCTC contracted Arthur Sohikian at AVS Consulting, Inc. as the inaugural Executive Director, expiring July 22, 2019 for a total contract value of \$50,000.

A few highlights of Mr. Sohikian first year include:

- Met and exceeded the Scope of Service for the Executive Director position shown as Exhibit A below.
- Led the NCTC Transportation projects priorities through the initial Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program process culminating in the February 2019 approval of the Metro Board of Directors.
- Opened Caltrans Satellite staff office for north LA County located at AVTA Headquarters.
- Sent numerous NCTC support/oppose letters on legislative items.
- Moderated meeting with Assemblymember Christy Smith.
- Represented NCTC at various regional meetings including Caltrans, SCAG, and Metro. Served as the NCTC Representative on the Measure M Policy Advisory Committee (PAC).
- Led quarterly NCTC Board of Directors meetings. Led NCTC staff meetings with Member Agencies.
- Managed the NCTC website, including completing cloud storage for all NCTC documents and records.

July 23, 2018 Contract Agreement EXHIBIT A
Scope of Services

The purpose of the NCTC is to enable the Members to voluntarily engage in cooperative local and regional transportation planning and projects. The NCTC is advisory to the member jurisdictions and is built around the concept of developing consensus. However, the formal voting structure is a simple majority.

Under this scope of services, the Executive Director will assist in developing consensus and priorities for transportation funding; assisting in the administration of transportation funds and



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programs to maximize benefits to the region (particularly Measure M); developing and tracking the spending plans for the various pots of transportation funding for the North County Subregion; and increasing advocacy efforts at Metro and SCAG to maximize funding opportunities within the North County.

The Executive Director will function as staff to the Voting Members in fulfilling these goals. Specifically, the Executive Director will have the following responsibilities:

- Monitor Regional, State, and Federal activities related to transportation programs and funding, and report these activities to the NCTC member agencies.
- Prepare position papers on proposed activities representing the NCTC's position.
- Provide technical information and planning assistance to the NCTC regarding transportation matters.
- Work with City Managers and executive staff representatives of the member agencies to develop and present proposed NCTC transportation related programs and priorities for Voting Member approval – particularly in relation to Measure M.
- Coordinate the implementation effort for NCTC transportation programs and priorities.
- Facilitate development of a Measure M Action Plan, including a 5-year project plan updated on an annual basis; develop and coordinate efforts to achieve Measure M program projects/activity priorities as approved by the Voting Members
- Advocate on behalf of the North County for additional funding for North County Transportation priorities and projects and lead an effort to seek grants and other revenue on behalf of the member jurisdictions to implement transportation programs and priorities of the NCTC
- Attend meetings at Southern California Association of Governments and Metro as determined by NCTC membership. A list of the required meetings is currently being developed. Any meetings beyond the list will require prior NCTC approval prior to attending. Provide reports/updates on activities and opportunities within the North Los Angeles County.
- Serve as the secretary of the NCTC. Develop meeting agendas and prepare meeting minutes. The NCTC holds quarterly Board meetings.
- Serve on the NCTC TAC subcommittee. Prepare meeting agendas and minutes.
- Serve as support staff to the NCTC TAC members assigned to Metro TAC, Metro PAC, and Metro Streets and Freeways Committee. The Executive Director will attend these meetings in a support role, preparing meeting notes and participating in strategy discussions.
- Act as an NCTC liaison to federal, state, other regional, and local agencies and staff to further established NCTC programs and priorities



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- Coordinate and administer quarterly NCTC meetings in conjunction with jurisdiction staff, including preparation of agendas and meeting minutes.
- Provide assistance/guidance to the Chair of the NCTC, any Committee Chairpersons and committees/working groups as necessary to ensure that the various committee activities are coordinated and completed.
- Other duties as assigned and/or deemed necessary by the NCTC.