

STAFF REPORT

City of Lancaster

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Date: July 27, 2021

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Council Member Darrell Dorris

Subject: Summary of the July 8, 2021, High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority Board of Director's Meeting

The High Desert Corridor (HDC) Joint Powers Authority held their meeting on July 8, 2021. The following is a summary of the item discussed during this meeting:

- Elected Board Officers for FY 2021-2022
 - Re-elected Kathryn Barger as Chair and Col. Paul Cook as Vice-Chair; and Arthur Sohikian and Lynna Monell as co-clerks.
- Received correspondence on the following items:
 - HDC JPA letter transmitting the HDC High Speed Rail Project Resource Impact Analysis Report to Federal Railroad Administration, April 9, 2021
 - HDC JPA Executive Director Remarks to San Bernardino County Transportation Authority Desert/Mountain Committee, June 18, 2021
 - HDC JPA support letter for CA High Speed Rail Authority/City of Palmdale Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant for Palmdale Integrated Station Implementation Master Plan, June 30, 2021
 - HDC JPA support letter for City of Palmdale Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant for Rancho Vista Boulevard Grade Separation, June 30, 2021.
- Approved the minutes for the April 8, 2021 HDC JPA Board Meeting
- Adopted the High Desert Corridor JPA Fiscal Year 2021-22 Recommended Budget and Approved HDC Metro Funding Agreement for Surface Transportation Board Filing Fee.
 - FY 2021-2022 Recommended Budget Highlights:

- \$410,985.00 will be expended on the agreement with Transportation Solutions in FY 2021-2022
 - The agreement with AVS Consulting, Inc. will be renewed in October 2021 for an amount not-to-exceed \$11,500.00 per month
 - Los Angeles County 5th District contribution of \$85,000.00
 - San Bernardino County provides in-kind staff time from the Clerk of the Board, County Administrative Office, and County Counsel, \$20,215.00
 - Website start-up costs and annual hosting fee are budgeted at \$2,720.00 and \$250.00, respectively. Internal staff time will be utilized for website maintenance
 - The Surface Transportation Board (STB) filing fee of \$96,600.00 is not included in the FY 2021-2022
 - The STB filing fee will be paid directly by LA Metro
 - Fund Balance of \$8,083.00 equals retained (set aside) funding for future possible legal, audit and insurance only.
- Received an update on the Brightline West Project
 - Highlights and next steps are as follows:
 - Possible opportunities with federal infrastructure package
 - Final approvals on the Las Vegas – Victor Valley segment, environmental work on Rancho Cucamonga extension, and work on service delivery plan on Palmdale extension will flow into early 2022
 - Expect to request private activity bond allocations in the first half of 2022
 - Committed to putting a shovel in the ground as soon as possible for the Victor Valley – Vegas segment and continuing progress on extension projects
 - Anticipating a 3.5-year construction timeline.

The meeting was adjourned to the next meeting on October 14, 2021.

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