



High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority

Workshop Presentation

September 13, 2018



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 - Possible Alternatives
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High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority

- Formed in 2006 by San Bernardino and LA Counties
- Components - rail, highway, green energy
- Key Stakeholders: San Bernardino County, SBCTA, LA County, LA Metro, CHSRA, CalSTA, Caltrans, Metrolink, SCAG, XpressWest, Cities
- Cities: Palmdale, Lancaster, Adelanto, Apple Valley, Victorville





History of the JPA

Formation

How was the JPA formed?

- 2006 bi-county task force was formed.
- The task force recommended a JPA would be established with representatives from each county and cities along the corridor.
- No financial or programmatic commitment made from membership agencies.



History of the JPA cont.

JPA Intent

What was the original intent of the JPA?

- "...provide for the financing, planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of public and/or private transportation and utility corridors ..."
- Established a framework to expedite the completion of the High Desert Corridor.



JPA Functions and Milestones

What functions has the JPA historically operated in.

- Coordination
- Planning
- Advocacy



JPA Structure

How is the JPA structured, financed, and staffed?

- Representatives on the JPA include both counties and cities along the proposed corridor.
- The HDC JPA has similar authorities as other JPAs.
- No ongoing funding has been set aside for operations of the JPA.
- HDC JPA staff includes a part-time coordinator that is currently vacant.



Project Description

Recap and Evolution of the Project, Mazin Kasey, Deputy Director, Transportation



Project Description

How did the project begin and how has it evolved?

- 1992-1996 - High Desert Corridor Study – Multi-Agency
 - Conducted to determine the feasibility of a transportation corridor in the Greater Antelope Valley
- 1996 - Avenue P-8 Corridor PSR by Caltrans Dist. 7
 - The focus was on developing a freeway between SR-138 & 50th St. East
- 1998 - San Bernardino County PSR by Caltrans Dist. 8
 - Focused on developing a 4-lane expressway between SR-18 from 2.1 km South of Joshua Road to US 395
- 2000 - Preliminary Environmental Evaluation Report – Caltrans
 - Conducted to assist in the determination of an appropriate level of environmental documentation for the proposed HDC
- 2002 - Regionally Significant Transportation Investment Study (RSTIS) - Caltrans
 - Provided documentation to identify the need for development of an improved transportation infrastructure to accommodate the expected continuing growth in the Antelope, Victor, and Apple Valleys as well as LA and San Bernardino Counties.



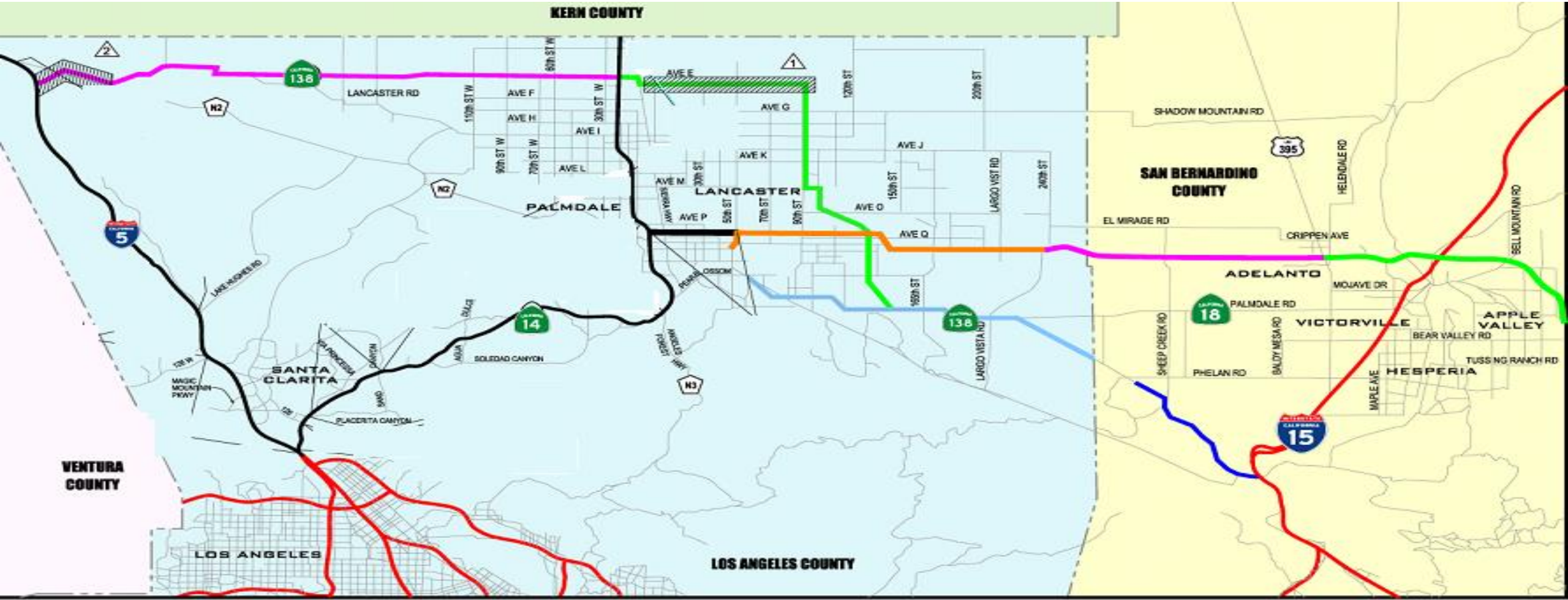
Project Description cont.

- 2004 - North County Combined Highway Corridors Study – MTA
 - Initiated to develop a multi-modal transportation plan for the northern portion of Los Angeles County.
 - Studied from I-5 to I-15
- 2006 – High Desert Corridor PSR – Caltrans Dist. 7
 - Studied SR-138 from SR-14 to 90th Street East and High Desert Corridor from 90th Street East to I-15
- **2006 JPA formation**
- 2007 - Avenue P-8 Corridor/New SR-138 alignment including on/off ramp locations for Palmdale and unincorporated LA County
- 2007 – San Bernardino County HDC Project – Victorville and Apple Valley
 - Studied US 395 to SR-18



Project Description cont.

- 2010 – Caltrans, LA Metro and other agencies initiated the EIR/EIS process.
- 2010 – HDC JPA voted to add the rail alignment of the HDC to efforts underway in Nevada.
- 2011 - HDC JPA voted to add green energy corridor and transit and/or rail feeder high speed rail connector as elements of the EIR/EIS.
- 2014 – The Draft EIR/EIS was released for public comment.
- 2016 – EIR/EIS was finalized.

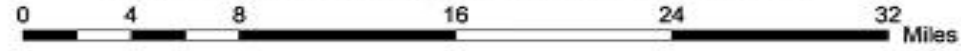


LEGEND

- ↑ 5 Freeway Lane Designation
- ◆ 4 HOV Lane Designation
- 4-Lane Expressway
- 6-Lane Expressway
- Freeway
- 6-Lane Freeway/Expressway
- Truck Climbing Lanes
- 4-Lane Highway

NORTH COUNTY COMBINED HIGHWAY CORRIDOR STUDY

- ⚠ Alignment selection to be coordinated with the City of Lancaster and the Los Angeles Consolidated Sanitary District #14.
- ⚠ Construction of Centennial Ranch will require upgrading of planned 6-lane expressway to 6-lane freeway between I-5 and N2.





***E220 - High Priority Goods Movement Corridor
from Los Angeles to Las Vegas via Palmdale and Victorville***





JPA PROJECT – SR14 to I-15



FHWA Required Extension



Current Board Direction

- **Action Items Adopted at Last JPA Meeting:**
 - Work with the participating agencies along the corridor to amend the respective General Plans.
 - Explore the feasibility of obtaining right of way options for full purchase and report to the Board.



Funding Outlook

- **JPA Funding, Josh Candelaria, JPA Interim Staff**
 - The JPA currently has \$200,000 unencumbered funds and is projected to end Fiscal Year with \$18,000.
 - Ongoing funding stream has been not been identified.



L.A. Metro Funding Outlook

Abdollah Ansari, Senior Executive Officer Construction and Engineering, LA Metro



SBCTA Funding Outlook

SBCTA Funding, Andrea Zureick, Director of Fund and Program Administration, SBCTA



State and Federal Funding Outlook

➤ State Funding

- \$2.6 Billion in Transit and Intercity Rail Capital grants were recently awarded

➤ Federal Funding

➤ FY 2019 Appropriations Process

- Build (House \$750 Million, Senate \$100 Million)
- Highway Trust Fund (House and Senate \$46 Billion)
- Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (House \$300 Million and Senate \$255 Million)
- Transit Formula Grants (House and Senate \$9.9 Billion)

➤ White House infrastructure plan

- 10 year, \$1.5 trillion, environmental streaming, transformative projects

➤ Transportation Reauthorization

- Likely next Congress



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