

High Desert Corridor  
Joint Powers Authority

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Meeting Materials

Item 5

Receive Update on the Record of Decision



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## E-220 HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR

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Subject: Receive update on the Record of Decision Project

On July 6, 2020, the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority entered into Amendment No. 6 with Transportation Solutions (TS) for a Professional Services Agreement for the Record of Decision Advancement Project.

TS has been on contract with the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority providing consulting services in the areas of assisting with identifying a path forward to expedite the rail portion of the project. TS has been working to obtain a final Record of Decision (ROD) from the Federal Railroad Administration. The ROD is a precondition to acquiring right of way parcels for the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority rail portion of the Project.

With the change of Virgin Train's proposed east terminus from the north of the I-15 to the south of the I-15 near Dale Evans road, work that was not anticipated in the existing contract will need to be completed, including biological and cultural work for the new adjusted alignment as well as basic engineering drawings needed to back up the Record of Decision request. Staff from the various JPA agencies have been meeting on a bi-monthly basis with TS to help expediate the process and identify potentially funding to offset the additional work needed to complete the ROD.

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