

High Desert Corridor  
Joint Powers Authority

June 27, 2018

Meeting Materials

Item 4

Recommended Action:

Approve Minutes of January 11, 2018

**HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday, January 11, 2018

1:41 p.m.

**Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street, Room 739  
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

	<b>Directors Present</b>	<b>Robert A. Lovingood</b> , Supervisor, San Bernardino County First District (Chairman); <b>Kathryn Barger</b> , City of Los Angeles Fifth District (Vice Chairman); <b>Dave Perry</b> , Deputy to Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles County Supervisor; <b>Fred S. “Scott” Nassif</b> , Town of Apple Valley; <b>James Ledford</b> , City of Palmdale
	<b>Alternates Present</b>	<b>Steve Hofbauer</b> , City of Palmdale
	<b>Directors Absent</b>	<b>Raj Malhi</b> , City of Lancaster; <b>Richard Kerr</b> , City of Adelanto; <b>Jim Kennedy</b> , City of Victorville; <b>Curt Emick</b> , Town of Apple Valley;
1.	<b>Call to Order</b>	Chairman Robert Lovingood called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m.
2.	<b>Board Member Announcements</b>	Chairman Robert Lovingood called for Board Member Announcements. There were no comments.
3.	<b>Correspondence</b>	Chairman Robert Lovingood inquired of the Secretary if there was Board correspondence.  Secretary Welch stated there was no general correspondence in the agenda packet for consideration today. However, one document was received regarding Item #10 on the agenda, the audit financial statements.
4.	<b>Recommended Action:</b> • <u>Approve Minutes of October 11, 2017 Meeting</u>	On motion of Director Barger, seconded by Director Ledford, the Board approved the October 11, 2017 minutes by unanimous vote of all members present.
5.	State and Federal Legislative Update	Ryan McEachron, JPA Staff Coordinator, introduced Neil Peterson, Transportation Solutions, ( <i>PowerPoint on file</i> )  Vice Chair Barger stated that both counties have representatives at the state level and that it would be helpful to provide these representatives with an informational sheet to keep track of applications that are being filed. Mr. Peterson agreed.  Karen Hedlund, Transportation Solutions, presented an update regarding the State and Federal Funding.  James Ledford asked if the multifaceted asset of the High Desert Corridor regarding water, energy and other parameters are enticements for other private investors as an area for additional opportunity. Karen Hedlund responded yes because it is a

		<p>multimodal corridor it should make the project that much more attractive to the administration.</p> <p>Lovingood asked if the permitting is five years for the environmental permits or if it is the complete process. Karen responded that there is permitting to go through after the Record of Decision. Some permits have to be issued from the Corps of Engineers, such as water and construction permits, separately from the EIR/EIS, within 90 days of application submission.</p>
6.	Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant Application Update	<p>Ryan introduced Neil Peterson to present an update on the application (<i>PowerPoint on file</i>)</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding Metrolink ridership and connectivity with the High Desert Corridor and application considerations.</p> <p>County Counsel Carol Greene advised the board to take a motion regarding submission of the application.</p> <p>On motion by Director Ledford and seconded by Director Nassif, the JPA approved staff to take all actions to submit the grant application for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program by unanimous vote of all members present.</p>
7.	<p><del>Discussion and Possible Action</del>  <del>High Desert Corridor Rail Alignment</del>  <del>a. Current Alignment</del>  <del>Center Median</del>  <del>b. North Alignment</del></p> <p><b>AMENDED</b>  The US Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration (USDOT FRA) Record of Decision  a. Technical Alignment issues  b. Environmental Revalidation Analysis</p>	<p>Ryan McEachron, states amendment to item language on the agenda. He calls on Neil Peterson to provide an update. (<i>PowerPoint on file</i>)</p> <p>Mr. Peterson stated the USDOT FRA agreed to take the lead on providing a Record of Decision on the rail component of the multipurpose corridor.</p> <p>Carol Greene asked if the board needed to provide direction and take a vote to stay with the center median and only deviate where necessary due to topography.</p> <p>Ryan stated that it would be advisable.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the need to move the realignment from strictly in the center median or deviate north.</p> <p>On motion by Director Ledford, seconded by Director Nassif, the JPA directed staff to stay with the center median and only deviate where necessary due to topography by unanimous vote of all members present.</p>
8.	Discussion and Possible Action: Right of Way Acquisition	<p>Ryan McEachron, JPA Staff Coordinator, stated the project has received environmental clearance and that the next logical step is to move forward with acquiring right of way. There are details that need to be worked out between SBCTA, METRO, the two counties and the JPA with respect to funding.</p> <p>Ryan asked the board to provide direction to move forward with various jurisdictions, both counties, the cities and towns, to preserve the 500 feet of right of way either:</p>

- through the General Plan process and Circulation Elements to ensure that nothing happens with respect to development, which might prevent building.

OR

- direct staff to look at what it would cost to acquire the full 500 feet right of way as the desire is to preserve full right of way.

Supervisor Lovingood states that going through the general plan circulation it is least costly, but wants to ensure to capture all costs. Perhaps looking out 20 years or go out for RFP to do as much as possible now to understand the costs. He stated that he is going to look at SB 1 and cap and trade.

Director Barger asked how much there is in Measure M dollars.

Mr. Peterson stated there is \$170M initially that could be used for anything including right of way.

Supervisor Barger expressed concern for piecemealing, once acquisition starts, costs will go up. Actions need to be deliberate as the project moves forward.

Director Ledford indicated that the likely first move would be the rail and asked if there is a way to acquire the rail right of way to move things along and at the same time preserve the right of way for the roadways.

Mr. Peterson responded indicating that the numbers came in much lower than first thought, and therefore Ryan is suggesting to acquire the entire right of way for the road and rail at the same time.

Ryan stated he thinks they need to look at full 500 feet now to avoid price increases.

Director Perry stated that he understood that there is currently \$170M Measure M tax revenue allocated now, but that in the expenditure plan there is an additional \$100M from other sources that would be incumbent on the Metro staff to ensure best use possible.

Neil stated that is correct.

On motion by Director Perry, seconded by Director Ledford, the board took action to authorize staff to work with the participating agencies including the counties' transportation agencies and all cities along the corridor with regard to amending the General Plans to include the circulation of the High Desert Corridor by unanimous vote of all members present.

On motion by Director Ledford, seconded by Director Nassif, direct staff to explore feasibility of obtaining right of way options for full purchase and report back to the Board by unanimous vote of all members present.

9.	Discussion and Possible Action: JPA Executive Director Position	<p>Carol Greene, San Bernardino County Counsel, stated that the JPA was formed on bare bones structure and a member of the San Bernardino County First District Staff acted as the Director of the JPA as well as performing services for the First District. This position has morphed over time and when Mr. McEachron was hired as the Executive Director of the JPA there was a lot of discussion among the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors regarding the appropriateness for the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors to be appointing the Executive Director of a separate legal entity. She stated that there are several models to consider, which are as follows: have someone fully employed by the JPA, which is not recommended due to the required systems to have an employee; outsource staffing model, which is similar to the employee-leasing model as is done now. Carol recommended the JPA take action to find if the High Desert Corridor JPA Board should remain the appointing authority and discuss if the Executive Director position should remain with the administrative side of SB County with Public Works overseeing, and run through San Bernardino County payroll; or if Los Angeles County should take over and have the Executive Director be on the administrative payroll of the County of Los Angeles.</p> <p>On motion by Director Ledford, seconded by Director Nassif, the Board directs the appointing authority for the JPA Director change from the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors to the High Desert Corridor JPA, and oversight will remain with the San Bernardino County Administrative Office for daily supervision by unanimous vote of all members present.</p> <p>Ryan asked if an administrative services agreement needed to be brought to the JPA. Carol stated at the next meeting Ryan's contract should be brought forward for approval to remove the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors as the appointing authority.</p>
10.	Receive and File HDCJPA Audit Report	<p>Ryan McEachron, JPA Staff Coordinator, presented the HDCJPA Audit Report/Financial Statements</p> <p>Reports received and filed.</p> <p>Notation by Ryan: Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District's workshop took place on December 14, 2017 at SCLA. There were about 25 people from various jurisdictions. This is a financing structure that, while it will not pay for the whole project, it may be a funding source. They will explore further with SCAG.</p>
11.	<b>Public Comment</b>	Bryn Lindblad, Climate Resolve
12.	<b>Adjourn</b>	There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 2:35 p.m.